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CANTON'S PICKETS.

BRITISH CONSUL'S REPRESENTATIONS.

Mr. Eugene Chen's Attitude.

CHINESE POLICE TO CURB WHARF INTIMIDATORS.

At the request of Mr. J. F. Brennan, H.B.M.'s acting Consul-General in Canton, Mr. Eugene Chen (acting Foreign Minister) has instructed the Commissioner of Public Safety to prevent intimidation outside the wharves of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at Canton.

From peaceful picketing, agitators had extended their activities to assault and open intimidation. Earlier this week, the "China Mail" told how traffic on the Steamboat Co.'s vessels was being affected and that an attempt had been made to "get at" the crews, the alleged instigators being members of the Seamen's Union. That pre-strike employees were desirous of securing old positions was the reason adduced for the mischief.

But it has become plainly abundant that the attempt was one to influence Chinese against patronage of the British steamers, as distinct from the so-called Chinese vessels.

Both the China Navigation Co.'s "Fatsan" (left at 8 a.m.) and the Steamboat Co.'s "Taisan" (at 3 p.m.) carried comparatively fewer passengers and less cargo than before the settlement on Oct. 10.

Highly Commendable Attitude. The agitators are not connected with the Government Preventive Service but are believed to be ex-strikers and/or ex-pickets. Coolies were prevented from working the "Taisan" (the only night-boat on the run) when she arrived there yesterday.

Inquiries in Hong Kong confirm the report that representations have been made by the Steamboat Co., leading to a protest by the British Consul-General.

The English version is not available at the moment. From the Chinese report it is evident that the Nationalist Government has taken up a very reasonable and highly commendable attitude.

An official despatch has been published, from Mr. Eugene Chen to Mr. Li Chung-tat, the Chief of Police.

To Protect Commerce. The Chinese wording attributes to Mr. Eugene Chen the expression of views that the Canton Government wishes to protect commerce and preserve communications.

From the Chinese despatch it appears that there has already been "verbal" intercourse on the matter. It is claimed that the identity of the pickets has been established as being unemployed seamen.

Interference with would-be passengers and shippers of cargo is attributed to the Canton police officers being, hitherto, on duty at the wharves for only one hour before and after arrival of the steamboats.

It is also pointed out that between 6 and 7 a.m., when passengers and shippers are going on board, agitators have used intimidation.

Described as Illegal. The Police Department is requested to provide detectives or police to be on duty to prevent such acts, which are described as illegal.

Police Headquarters in Canton is thought to have passed on the instructions to the station concerned. From another source the "China Mail" learns that the representations indicated have taken effect. By the week-end at the latest, it is surmised that the present pickets will have been made to withdraw and that the Chinese police protection will be ample.

TOO MUCH CARGO.

Boat Which Had to Refuse Shipments.

This week's incidents have had the effect of influencing an abundance of passengers and cargo, particularly the former, to the "Tung On," "Sai On," "Kwong Tung" and "Kwong Sai." A Hong Kong shipper told a "China Mail" reporter last night that the Tung On Co. had now to refuse all cargo every alternate trip as it was not possible to clear all freight in the limited time.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. each day, the boats arrive at Canton. By about 5 p.m., sampans and coolies stop work. Before Hong Kong shipments have been landed, cargo from Canton is placed on board, necessitating over-carryage of the Hong Kong lots till the next trip.

Surtax Gladly Paid.

Such activity is an encouraging sign of the times. Cargo is moving freely, with the exception of piecegoods and Chinese merchants have confidence in continuation.

Were martial law not in existence on the River and night boats run instead, the volume of traffic would be greater.

At Canton, the outdoor staff of the Preventive Service is on duty. Practically all cargo—whether for import or export—handled by Chinese is now subject to the special taxes.

Native traders are making no complaint on the score of these surtaxes but paying as a matter of course.

BOYCOTT POWERS.

Delegates to the "Severance" Association.

On the other hand, the "rush" is also attributed to the anxiety of native dealers as to the power that will be granted to the "Association for the Severance of Economic Relations with British."

The last meeting of this body has fixed November 1 as the day after which transactions with the British will be forbidden.

Difficulty has been met with in finding suitable premises for headquarters in which to conduct investigations.

Each guild is to nominate one delegate to the committee of this Association. But the piecegoods guild will have four and the metals guild three as they are more directly concerned than those engaged in other lines.

Others Prefer to Wait. A resolution has also been framed for consideration by the body of nominated delegates.

It is proposed to fix one month (i.e., up to November 30) as the interval in which all British goods must be cleared.

The piecegoods and metals dealers in Canton are said to be opposed to the idea and will—it is

MANILA 'QUAKE.

Residents Rush Into the Streets.

BUILDINGS ROCK.

Manila, Oct. 29.

A strong quake was felt here at eight o'clock this morning. All the buildings rocked.

An American hardware building near Escolta was damaged. Many residents rushed into the streets.

The Observatory states that the centre of the quake is some distance from Manila.—Reuter.

stated—propose an amendment by which members of the Association will not be allowed to deal in British goods after all stocks have been cleared, irrespective of date. There is no reference to articles of export, as sold to British firms.

GOVERNMENT MOVE.

News has also come down that the Nationalist Government has appointed officers to take charge of the Preventive Service. Headquarters will be on the West Bund, with sub-stations at Honam, Tai Chuan, Tiger Island and Samshun.

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TIGER CAPTURED.

Caught Alive by Farmer at Shatin.

A NEW TERRITORY TRAP.

Animal's Leg Entangled in a Steel Vice.

It is some years since material evidence has been forthcoming to confute the sceptical in the matter of the presence of tigers in certain parts of the New Territories hence a reliable report from police quarters of the capture alive of a small tiger of 40 catties is of particular interest.

Observing a tiger being carried in a cage to Shatin railway station yesterday, a police officer made enquiries as to the manner in which it came to be there.

It appears that a farmer residing at Cheung Tam Hill, about 400 yards from Cheung Lok Mui village (Shatin district), set a trap for catching deer and on visiting the locality on Tuesday he found the trap missing. Following the track leading from the spot he was amazed to come upon a hole four feet deep into which a tiger, whose leg was entangled with the steel trap, had fallen.

Put Up for Show? The farmer immediately summoned the villagers to the scene to survey his strange find which was incapacitated from doing injury by reason of its injuries. With their assistance he was able to secure the tiger and arrange for a cage to be made.

Apparently, it was the farmer's intention to sell the tiger, possibly to some menagerie, but the police report does not carry one further as to the destination of the captured animal.

Incidentally, the weight of the tiger (just over 32 lbs.) points to it being either a young and small one or, possibly to a mistake hav-

GEN. CHANG KAI-SHEK.

An official denial has come down from Canton in connection with the reported "death" at the Kiangsi front of General Chang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Armies.

ing been made as to its species. The weight of a panther or cheetah would correspond more to that of the animal captured.

Previous Records. In connection with the presence of tigers in the New Territories, it may be recalled that in May of last year a party of local sportsmen spent an all-night vigil in a remote district in consequence of reports of animals having been mauled and tracks found pointing pretty conclusively to the presence of a tiger in the neighbourhood.

One of the party spent an uncomfortable night perched on a pile of stones with a gun whilst the tiger is reported to have prowled round the vicinity of two goats placed as bait, but the party had to return without securing a "bag."

Carried in Triumph. Residents of some years standing will remember the body of the tiger shot in the New Territories by Dr. D. Burlingham being carried through the streets and the cast of the impression of another tiger's paws being exhibited locally. The skin of the former animal (which had killed Sgt. Goucher and an Indian) was sent home to be stuffed with the object of having it placed in the museum but the ship on which it was returning to the Colony was torpedoed and the specimen was lost. A photograph taken shortly after it was shot is still on view in a local photographers.

Again, the presence of a tiger on the higher levels of the Peak was reported by a well-known resident once when he was lying off Mount Ketter in his yacht. About the same time, "pugs" of a tiger or cheetah were reported in a garden in that locality and the explanation put forward was that the animal had swum across the harbour from the mainland at some particularly narrow spot.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand today was 1/10 1/4.

STOLEN PYJAMAS.

AMERICAN SEAMAN CHARGED IN COURT.

INTOXICATION AS EXCUSE.

Arrested after an exciting chase shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday, William E. Atkin, electrician on the s.s. "President Cleveland," was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of two silk pyjamas, valued at \$37, from the Swatow Drawn Work Company's store at the junction of Wyndham Street and Queen's Road.

A shop assistant stated in evidence that defendant asked to be shown some silk pyjamas and ten suits were placed on the counter. Defendant appeared to be sober and worked out on a piece of paper the exchange rate between American and local dollars. At that moment witness was called away to the telephone, another man relieving him at the counter, and on his return found something bulging out from the defendant's coat. On being questioned defendant bolted from the shop, discarding two suits in the street.

An Indian constable who arrested the defendant at the "Star" ferry wharf after a chase from Queen's Road said that defendant would have got away had he kept running straight along Connaught Road instead of turning into the wharf where escape was cut off by a number of people obstructing the entrance.

Sub-Inspector Field said that when defendant was brought to

BISHOP CAPTURED.

Outrage by Roving Outlaws in North China.

Shanghai, Oct. 28.

The "China Press" correspondent at Tainan, Shantung province, reports that a roving band of outlaws have captured the Rev. Bishop T. A. Scott of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the China Inland Mission.—Reuter.

[Note: The above telegram is published as received. Bishop Scott is, of course, the Anglican Bishop in Shantung, which diocese is maintained by the S.P.G.]

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Arnold Scott D.D., who was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge and Leeds Clergy School, was ordained in 1902. He first came out to China under the S.P.G. in 1903. In 1913, he was appointed Principal of the Church of England School, Peking, being raised to the episcopate in 1921.]

the charge room he was sober and answered questions intelligently, but a few minutes later acted as if he were dazed. When the charge was read out to him in the morning he answered: "I have no knowledge of what happened."

In answer to His Worship, defendant said he came ashore at 1 p.m. and had drinks at the Hong Kong Hotel bar and tiffin at a cafe. He could not remember what happened after 3.30 p.m.

Mr. Lindsell: And yet you were able to bargain for pyjamas and work out exchange between Hong Kong dollars and American dollars?

Defendant: I was intoxicated, Sir.

Evidence was given by Mr. G. H. Wilson, a fellow electrician on the vessel, that defendant came on board at 5.30 in a helpless condition to relieve him in his watch. Witness had never seen defendant in that condition during eighteen months they had worked together on the vessel and did not think it safe to hand over his duties. Defendant was told to go out again, enjoy himself a little more, and return. Witness heard of defendant's arrest from a sailor at 8 p.m. and visited the Central Police Station. With the permission of Sub-Inspector Field, witness entered the cell and tried to wake defendant who was asleep, but failed.

English law does not regard intoxication as an excuse for crime, said His Worship, in imposing a fine of \$100, or six weeks' hard labour.

EMPIRE AVIATION.

"All Red" Routes in the Air.

FAR EAST PROSPECTS.

Speeches at the Imperial Conference.

Rugby, October 28.

In opening the discussion on Imperial air communications at today's meeting of the Imperial Conference, the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, pointed out that although he would deal with the matter from the civil rather than the military standpoint, both aspects were inextricably connected, and the development of Imperial air lines, whether by aeroplane or airship, was a vital factor in the problem of Empire defence.

Reviewing the present position, he remarked that since the last Conference the mileage covered by the regular air routes of world had more than doubled. Great technical improvement was to be noted in the machines, engines, wireless, and meteorology. The machines had become more powerful, more dependable, and more comfortable. As to safety, for five million miles flown by British services there had been four fatal accidents, and one million miles had been flown in Australia with only one accident. The results achieved seemed to show that after years of research, experiment, and adventure, a stage of development had been reached from which they could look forward to progress altogether out of proportion to anything that had been achieved in the last few years.

Reducing Distances. There was to-day no technical or operational reason why London should not be brought by aeroplane or airship within a fortnight of the furthest territories of the Empire. There was no technical reason why the journey to Canada should not

LOCAL CARTOONS.

Two cartoons will be published in to-morrow's "China Mail." In one, Stan Hill "hits off" last Saturday's star racer, match to great effect. The other is by "Cornstalk" whose subject is the nimble Hong Kong dollar as affected by Exchange fluctuations.

A number of topical local photographs will also appear.

be reduced to two and half days; to India, five days; to Capetown six days; to Australia eleven days; and to New Zealand thirteen days.

Hitherto, whilst certain British and European services had been safety and punctually operated for several years there had been no civil air service flying between one part of the Empire and another. In the Middle East however, an air route of 886 miles between Egypt and Iraq had been regularly flown by military machines, carrying mails and official passengers, for five years. It was now proposed to substitute for this military service a regular civil line between Cairo and Baghdad and Cairo and Karachi.

To the Far East. It was hoped that a saving of seven or eight days would thus be effected on journey from Britain to India, but the real significance of this development lay in the fact that it was the first section of the great Empire air route to the Far East.

It was for the Conference to consider whether other sections could not be completed, and a through air route created of incalculable importance for both military and civil communications. Would it be possible for the Government of India to consider the question of extending the service to Bombay and Calcutta and for the Burma Government to carry it a stage further to Rangoon? Might it not then be practicable to link with the civil line the experimental flights of the Air Force flying boats that it was intended to station in the Far East; and might they not, again, join up with occasional service flights of the Royal Australian Air Force from Australia?

London to the Cape. So also with Africa. Just as there must be an Empire air route to the Far East stretching to Australia and New Zealand, so there must be an Empire air route from London to the Cape with branches diverging to the West African Dependencies.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

COTTON CROPS.

SUPPLIES KEPT BACK FROM MARKET.

HUGE CREDIT AVAILABLE.

New York, Oct. 28.
North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and a combination of Louisiana and Southern Mississippi having formed corporations of \$1,000,000 each, Mr. Eugene Meyer announces that with the organization of the Texas Corporation \$100,000,000 credit will be available to withdraw a total of 4,000,000 bales of cotton from the market as the Banks are extending \$10 credit for each \$1 of actual capital stock subscribed. — Reuter's American Service.

Egyptian Crops.

Cairo, Oct. 28.
An official communiqué announces that the Government intends to issue a decree limiting Egypt's cotton acreage to one-third of the cultivatable land. The decree will apply to foreigners and Egyptians alike. — Reuter.

TEXTILE TRADE.

COMMISSION TO VISIT INDIA.

HOURS AND WAGES.

Amsterdam, October 28.
Following a resolution passed by the International Federation of Textile Workers, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Secretary, accompanied by several of his British and German colleagues, will shortly visit British India to investigate conditions as regards hours and wages in the Indian textile industry and develop Trade Unionism in British India. — Reuter.

LOWER PRICES.

BOASTS OF RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS.

Moscow, October 28.
A policy of lowering prices with a view to enlarging the peasant market and consolidating the union between the proletariat and the market is being followed by M. Rykoff in an economic report at the conference of the All-Russia Communist party, wherein he stressed the progress of the electrification of works. He said the coal output from the Don basin had increased by seventeen million tons in two years. The Government counted on an increase of 18 per cent. in the total coal output for this year. He declared that the country's industry last year yielded a profit of 500,000,000 roubles, while 1,000,000 roubles would be invested in the current year in industrial development. — Reuter.

ARGENTINE'S I.O.U.

NOW READY TO PAY FRANCE.

Paris, October 28.
The papers announce that the Argentine Government who is a creditor of France for a debt of 18,000,000 gold pesos due on January 1, 1927, has after several delays, now proposed that payment should be deferred to a date to suit France's convenience, the rate of interest being fixed by Paris. M. Briand has expressed France's thanks to the Argentine Government. — Havas.

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OIL WAR.

REJOINDER TO DR. EARLE PAGE.

THREEPENNY DIFFERENCE.

Melbourne, Oct. 28.
The British Imperial Company has published a statement ridiculing the assertion of the Commonwealth Treasurer, Dr. Earle Page that foreign oil companies are bleeding the country white, and declaring that the difference of threepence per gallon charged by foreign importers as compared with the Commonwealth Oil Refineries represents the duty, charged to foreign firms, which the Commonwealth Refineries do not pay. — Reuter.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

Liquidation Regulations.

Peking, October 19.—Decided rules for the execution of the regulations concerning the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank's branches in China were promulgated on October 17 and published yesterday evening.

These rules are contained in nine sections, totalling forty articles. Article 1 states that all matters concerning the liquidation of the Bank shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions issued by mandate on September 30, appointing Dr. Wang Chuang-wei chief liquidator and M. Padoux associate liquidator.

The regulations provide, inter alia, that no interest shall be credited as from September 25, 1926, on debts due by the bank but that interest on debts due to the bank shall continue to run as per agreement or custom until such debts are paid to the bank.

The branch liquidators, who shall be appointed by the general liquidators, are to forward to the general liquidators and the Ministry of Finance separate balance sheets of the branches under their control as per accounts closed to September 25, 1926, also detailed lists of creditors and debtors and separate accounts of the cash available. In addition the Shanghai liquidators are to forward a general balance sheet of all the branches in China as per accounts closed to August (? September) 25, 1926, also a general statement of the settlement of inter-bank exchange operations of the branches in China.

No payments and no disposal of assets may be made by the liquidators except with the previous approval and consent of the general liquidators. The bank's debtors shall be called on to discharge their obligations within a month, though extensions shall be allowed in certain circumstances.

A person or firm who on September 25, 1926, was simultaneously a debtor and a creditor of the same branch may offset his debt against his credit but if he was simultaneously a debtor and a creditor at different branches the set-off may take place only with the consent of the general liquidators, whose decision like that of the branch liquidators shall be based on Chinese law and commercial customs.

Dissatisfied persons may appeal to the general liquidators against a decision of liquidators and to a competent court against a decision of the general liquidators upon giving adequate security for eventual costs.

The manner in which creditors' claims may be presented and adjudicated upon is set out in detail in a series of articles, the application of which is subject to the general rules of the law governing contracts and other obligations.

The regulations provide that articles in safe custody shall be returned by the liquidators to the depositors on payment of the charges and on due receipts being delivered by the depositors.

Bills, drafts and similar instruments received by the bank after September 25, 1926, for collection on account of third parties shall be collected and the proceeds forwarded to the person on whose account the instrument is collected. However, if such person is found to be a debtor of the bank the amount due shall be deducted in satisfaction of the debt and the balance only forwarded.

The accounts of the Ministry of Finance, the Maritime Customs and the Salt Administration and other Government departments or organs with the bank shall be settled after consultation between them and the general liquidators.

Section VII, dealing with reallocation of assets and payment of creditors, provides that as soon as the general liquidators find sufficient funds available they shall order a uniform percentage to be paid to all creditors whose claims shall have been admitted as valid.

The said percentage may be paid first to creditors whose total credit against the bank does not exceed five thousand dollars; subsequent percentages to be paid by order of the general liquidators until the creditors are paid in full.

In case the assets are insufficient to meet all the liabilities the general liquidators shall report the matter to the Ministry of Finance with such recommendations as they deem necessary.

Preferred creditors having a valid lien or other right over particular property of the bank shall be paid from the proceeds of such property according to the law in preference to other creditors.

If a valid creditor does not apply for payment within three months of date of publication of decision of the general liquidators ordering payment of the final percentage his right and claim shall be extinguished by prescription.

If after meeting the liabilities of the bank in China there is a surplus left the general liquidators shall report the matter to the

Ministry of Finance with such recommendations as they deem necessary.

In order to satisfy uniformly the liabilities and to defray the current expenses of the several branches funds or other assets may be transferred from any branch to another by order of the general liquidators.

All expenses in connection with the liquidation shall constitute the first charge to be paid from the bank's assets.

The expenses shall include firstly, the salaries and allowances of the general liquidators, liquidators and staff; secondly, a fixed monthly sum as a contribution towards the expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Finance in connection with the liquidation; fourthly, the expenses in connection with the discharge of such members of the bank staff as are not kept in the service, and fifthly, ordinary office maintenance expenses, etcetera.

The rules will be enforced from the date of promulgation, namely October 17.

Miscellaneous goods, including rain caps, sheeting, woollens, etc., will be sold by public auction at Messrs. Lammett Bros. sales rooms in Duddell Street at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Harbour and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two

Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, 1926.

DATE	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Oct. 29	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Oct. 30	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Oct. 31	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Nov. 1	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
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Steak	lb.	22 12
Steak Sirloin	lb.	22 12
Sausages	lb.	22 12
Bullock's Brains	lb.	22 12
Tongue, fresh	lb.	22 12
Head	lb.	22 12
Heart	lb.	22 12
Hump, Salt	lb.	22 12
Feet	lb.	22 12
Kidneys	lb.	22 12
Liver	lb.	22 12
Tripe	lb.	22 12
Calves' Head & Feet	lb.	22 12
Mutton Chop	lb.	22 12
Leg	lb.	22 12
Shoulder	lb.	22 12
Saddle	lb.	22 12
Pigs' Chittlings	lb.	22 12
Brains	lb.	22 12
Feet	lb.	22 12
Fry	lb.	22 12
Head	lb.	22 12
Heart	lb.	22 12
Kidneys	lb.	22 12
Liver	lb.	22 12
Pork Chop	lb.	22 12
Leg	lb.	22 12
Loin	lb.	22 12
Pat or Lard	lb.	22 12
Sheep's Head & Feet	lb.	22 12
Heart	lb.	22 12
Kidneys	lb.	22 12
Liver	lb.	22 12
Sucking Pig, to order	lb.	22 12
Suet, Beef	lb.	22 12
Mutton	lb.	22 12
Veal	lb.	22 12
Sausages	lb.	22 12

Fish.

Fish	Unit	Price
Barbel	lb.	27 19 24
Bream	lb.	32 20 16
Canton Fresh	lb.	17 18 16
Water Fish	lb.	42 16 27
Carp	lb.	30 12 9
Catfish	lb.	28 20 25
Codfish	lb.	48 23 28
Crabs	lb.	27 18 2
Cuttle Fish	lb.	12 9 18
Dab	lb.	11 10 9
Dace	lb.	35 10 8
Dog Fish	lb.	42 16 1
Eels, Conger	lb.	30 10 13
Fresh Water	lb.	72 26 80
Yellow	lb.	62 32 25
Frogs	lb.	76 40 30
Garnips	lb.	22 18 15
Gudgeon	lb.	25 22 13
Herrings	lb.	32 22 13
Halibut	lb.	72 22 24
Lobsters	lb.	58 32 21
Mackerel	lb.	54 20 26
Monk Fish	lb.	52 32 28
Mullet	lb.	31 13 2
Oysters	lb.	34 16 22
Parrot Fish	lb.	32 20 15
Perch	lb.	20 16 9
Pike	lb.	62 28 14
Plaice	lb.	57 28 20
Pomfret, Black	lb.	76 80 30
Pomfret, White	lb.	82 38 45
Prawns	lb.	10 10 14
Ray	lb.	27 18 18
Rock Fish	lb.	36 22 16
Shrimp	lb.	77 86 80
Sole	lb.	18 8 10
Squid	lb.	17 10 10
Shrimps	lb.	50 26 85
Shrimp	lb.	57 32 30
Sole	lb.	68 28 28
Sole	lb.	88 22 18
Turbot	lb.	82 18 12
Turbot, small, 2 water	lb.	150 40

Poultry.

Poultry	Unit	Price
Chicken	lb.	50 30 31
Capon, Small	lb.	45 28 30
Capon, Large	lb.	55 28 30
Duck	lb.	40 22 21
Doves	each	23 22 21
Eggs, Hen (speaking)	doz.	30 18
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	doz.	40 25 20
Fowls, Canton	lb.	60 38 24
Fowls, Hainan	lb.	36 38 24
Geese	lb.	45 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	lb.	28 23
Holow	lb.	70
Turkeys, Cock	lb.	60 51 45
Turkeys, Hen	lb.	20
Snipe	lb.	20
Pheasant	lb.	20
Quail	lb.	20
Partridges	lb.	20

Fruits.

Fruits	Unit	Price
Almonds	lb.	55 35
Apples (California)	lb.	22 24
Bananas (birds)	lb.	8 4
Carambola	lb.	18 12
Cocoanuts	lb.	10 10 10
Lemons, China	lb.	12 7
Lemons, America	lb.	8 8
Lichees, Dried	lb.	35 25 30
Oranges (Canton)	lb.	12
Oranges	lb.	14 15
Pears (Canton)	lb.	14 10 12
Peanuts	lb.	14 12
Perseimons, Large	lb.	4 8 4
Plantain	lb.	20
Purulo, Slam	lb.	20
Walnuts	lb.	20
Grapes	lb.	20

Vegetables, &c.

Vegetables, &c.	Unit	Price
Artichokes	each	12 8
Beans, Sprout	lb.	5 7
Long	lb.	20 8
Best Root	each	3 8
Bitter Squash	lb.	3 8
Brinjals, Green	lb.	5 9
Red	lb.	5 8
Cabbage, Chinese	lb.	30 12
(Shanghai)	lb.	30 12
Cane Shoots, bunch	each	5
Cauliflower (Large)	each	1
(Medium)	each	1
(Small)	each	1
Carrots	lb.	8 6
Celery, Chinese	lb.	20 10 6
Chilies, Dried	lb.	25 25 5
Red	lb.	18 10 16
Green	lb.	15 8 12
Curry Stuff, English	lb.	10 8
Cucumbers	lb.	12 2
Garlic	lb.	10 3
Ginger, Young	lb.	8 7
Old	lb.	8 10
Horse-radish, Shanghai	each	8 4
Indian Corn	lb.	8 45
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Okros	lb.	14 1 20
Onions, Bombay	lb.	8 8
Green	lb.	10 4 6
Shanghai	lb.	7 8
Parsley	lb.	60 6 8
Potato, Sweet	lb.	8 8
Japanese	lb.	5 3
American	lb.	8 10
Radish	lb.	8 4 4
Rhubarb (Fresh)	lb.	10 8
Shallots	lb.	10 8
Spinach	lb.	12 4
Tomatoes	lb.	20 7
Taro	lb.	8 8
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RETURNED EMIGRANT PLEADS IGNORANCE.

A Chinese steamer passenger from San Francisco who arrived yesterday morning on board the Dollar Line "President Cleveland" appeared this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with unlawful possession of 52 rounds of ammunition.

Defendant said that he was ignorant of the laws of Hong Kong having been in America for ten years. Det. Sergt. Goodwin of the Water Police, who discovered the ammunition in defendant's luggage, pointed out that notice warning passengers of the penalties of Hong Kong are posted in conspicuous places of steamers.

Defendant was fined \$50 and the ammunition was confiscated.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TODAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Chambord (4459) French, from Marseilles and Saigon; M. M. Jade (336) French, from Tourane; Shun Cheong.
West Nger (3517) American, from Portland and Shanghai; Columbia Pacific & Co.
Ouderkerk (4911) Dutch, from Vladivostok and Shanghai; J. C. J. L.
Hermelin (1163) Norwegian, from Bangkok and Swatow; Thoresen.
Prosper (1377) Norwegian, from Saigon and Canton; Wo Fat Sing.
Tottori Maru (3706) Japanese, from Keelung; N. Y. K.
Lisbon Maru (4308) Japanese, from Manila; N. Y. K.
Hydrangea (501) Br., from Kwong-chow-wan; Chiu On.

Departures.

For Swatow: Palling Maru; Sei Yang.
For Singapore: Van Cloon, Ho-sang.
For Takao: Hehyo Maru.
For Shanghai: Empress of Canada; Chambord, Sumatra.
For Haiphong: Tonkin.
For Manila: Searland.
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SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	18
American	2
Panama	1
No flag	1
Japanese	8
Chinese	15
Norwegian	3
Portuguese	3
Dutch	6
German	1
French	2
Total	60

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 19 and is due here to-day.

The M.V. s.s. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Rotterdam on September 18 and is due here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" left Singapore for this port on October 25 at 8 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow, at about noon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirapore" left Singapore for this port on October 25 at 6 a.m. and is due here on Sunday at about 5 p.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Sydney for this port on October 9 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on Monday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama on October 23 in the evening, and is due at Vancouver on Monday.

SEA CARRIAGE.

FOURTH REPORT OF IMPERIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

IMMINENCE OF FOREIGN COMPETITION.

The report on Dairy Produce which has been prepared by the Imperial Economic Committee, has been issued by H. M. Stationery Office. This is the Committee's fourth report. It is signed by all the members of the Committee, which, it may be recalled, is presided over by Sir Halford Mackinder, who is also chairman of the Imperial Shipping Committee. It is proposed here to deal only with those parts of the report which have a more or less direct bearing on sea transport.

We are reminded by the Committee that in 1924 the value of the imports into the United Kingdom from Empire countries of the products of the grass crops (mainly meat; wheat, hides and dairy produce) was no less than \$157,000,000. In the same year the total payments for butter and cheese imported from all sources was \$53,000,000, of which \$33,000,000 was paid to Empire countries. The consumption in the United Kingdom of both butter and cheese is expanding. In 1924 the Empire supplied 37 per cent. of the butter and 60 per cent. of the cheese, while foreign countries supplied 46 per cent. and 9 per cent. respectively. The remainder was produced at home. It is considered that in the next few years foreign competition—mainly from Argentina, Siberia, Russia and the Baltic lands—will become more severe, and, since wages and standards of living are relatively low in some of these countries, further economies will be necessary if the Empire producers are to hold their own.

Distribution of Shipments.

The Committee consider that the distribution of supplies throughout the year is a matter of importance second only to the total quantity. Owing to the distance of the Southern Dominions from the United Kingdom, the bulk of their supplies did not reach the market until the beginning of the year, whereas the northern supplies, being on the spot or relatively close at hand, are marketed in greatest quantity during the spring or within three or four months after the arrival of the southern supplies. Denmark has, by means of winter dairying, succeeded in regularising her exports to the United Kingdom, so that quantities received each month vary but little with the season. The United Kingdom demand in the latter part of the year is, under these circumstances, necessarily met in part by the holding over in cold storage of the excessive supplies received in the late winter and spring.

"Though," the Committee say in their conclusions, "serious damage may not be suffered by the best butters when held in cold storage for a reasonable time, it is yet certain that no butter is improved by storage. Moreover, there is always a temptation for speculative selling or withholding from sale when there are large supplies in the United Kingdom held off the market. We strongly urge that in all parts of the Empire the practicability of more winter dairying shall be carefully considered."

"Where winter dairying is impracticable and storage must be resorted to in order to regularise supplies, we recommend that such storage should be as far as possible, be in the country of production, and that only so much should be stored in the United Kingdom as may be necessary to counterbalance the irregular arrival of ships and similar incidents. We would reinforce the recommendation which has already been made both by the Lullthgow Committee and by the Royal Commission on Food Prices, that the statistics of produce held in cold storage should be published. In New Zealand and certain other countries such statistics are already issued."

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The N.Y.K. steamers arrived this morning from different ports. The "Tottori Maru," coming from Nago-ya and Keelung, brought a cargo of 839 tons and 6 bags of mail for discharge here. She will sail for Bombay via Singapore this afternoon. Coming from Manila the "Lisbon Maru" brought 181 tons of sugar and tobacco, besides 6 bags of mail for Hong Kong. The "Lisbon Maru" will leave for New York and Boston via Panama this p.m.

With 116 first-cabin passengers for Vancouver and intermediate ports, the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left this morning.

From Portland via Shanghai, the Shipping Board steamer "West Nger" arrived yesterday at 6 p.m. and brought 330 tons of general merchandise, 80 tons of timber, besides livestock. The Columbia Pacific Co. (local agents) will dispatch her for Manila this p.m.

Two steamers are sailing this afternoon for Manila. They are the Dollar Line "President Cleveland" from San Francisco and the s.s. "Aratura" of the Eastern Australian Line en route to Australia.

From Marseilles, London and Antwerp, the P. & O. steamer "Karmala" is expected to arrive to-morrow with cargo, passengers and European mail. She will continue her trip to Japan via Shanghai on Sunday at noon.

With 107 tons of merchandise besides livestock and poultry for Hong Kong, the British steamer "Hydrangea" arrived this morning from Kwong-chow-wan.

The Norwegian steamer "Hermelin" coming from Bangkok and Swatow, arrived this morning and brought 830 tons of rice and 6 bags of mail for discharge here.

En route to Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, the Admiral Oriental Liner "President Jefferson" is expected to arrive to-morrow morning from Manila with passengers, cargo and mail for Hong Kong.

The J.C.F.L. steamer "Ouderkerk" en route to Hamburg, Amsterdam via Manila and Suez, arrived this morning from Vladivostok and Shanghai and brought no cargo for Hong Kong. She will load here and will sail to-morrow.

From Tourane, the s.s. "Tourane" arrived yesterday afternoon with a cargo of 450 tons of discharge here.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 6	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 15	Jan. 24	Jan. 27	Jan. 30
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27	Mar. 30	Mar. 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17	Apr. 20	Apr. 23
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8	May 11	May 14
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29	June 1	June 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19	June 22	June 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10	July 13	July 16

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Tawau	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure
Semporna	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure
Lahad Datu	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure
Sandakan	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure
Jambongan	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure
Jesselton	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure
Hongkong	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure	Arrived	Departure

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ALIPORE	5,273	30th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MAINTUA	10,002	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALE	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
DELTA	8,097	9th Dec.	Marseilles and London
MAHONIA	11,089	13th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NELORE	8,553	23rd Dec.	Marseilles and London
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MIRZAPORE	7,735	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,041	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	10,018	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
MOREA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MAINTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
MONGOLIA	10,504	10th March	Marseilles and London
MAHONIA	11,089	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	10th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALE	9,128	10th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	28th April	Marseilles and London
MALWA	10,041	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TILAWA	10,000	3rd Nov.		Moji & Kobe
NELORE	8,553	13th Nov.		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	13th Nov.		Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	14th Nov.		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	22nd Nov.		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MAHONIA	11,089	25th Nov.		Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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NYANZA	7,023	10th Dec.		Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,041	10th Dec.		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	9,005	13th Dec.		Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Dec.		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.		Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,018	7th Jan.		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MAINTUA	10,002	4th Feb.		Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.		Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.		Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MAHONIA	11,089	4th March		Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March		Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALE	9,128	18th March		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,041	1st April		Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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SEA CARRIAGE.

(Continued from Page 4.)

In the course of their examination of the question of cold storage the committee comment unfavourably on the way in which butter is handled in ports of the United Kingdom. "We desire," they say, "to draw attention to the connection to an important matter which has been brought to our notice. The methods by which butter is transferred from the refrigerated chamber on board ship to the cold store in the United Kingdom leave much to be desired. We have had it in evidence that there is not infrequently considerable delay in removing butter from the wharves or unrefrigerated sheds at the docks. Further, butter is frequently moved up the Thames in unrefrigerated barges. Such treatment must injure the quality, notwithstanding all the care that may have been taken in production and in transport to the cold store immediately after it has been made. The handling of dairy produce at the United Kingdom docks has undoubtedly improved in recent years, but there is scope for still further improvement."

Ocean Transport.

The section (XVI) of the report dealing with finance and transport is of special interest. "The question of ocean transport," the Committee state, "is one of great importance to the distant Dominions of Australia and New Zealand. Under the Australian Dairy Produce Control Act the Control Board is given the power to arrange for the shipment of dairy produce on such terms and in such quantities as it thinks fit. The New Zealand Dairy Produce Control Act gives similar powers to the New Zealand Board. We understand that some time ago the New Zealand Board obtained a substantial reduction of 21 per cent for butter and a corresponding reduction for cheese as the result of direct negotiations with the shipping lines. During our investigations into the marketing of dairy produce, similar negotiations between the Australian Board and the shipping companies have taken place, and have secured a reduction in the freight charges from Australia to the United Kingdom to bring them into line with those in existence between New Zealand and the Home Country. In our view there is no reason why the freight charges on dairy produce from Australia to the United Kingdom should be higher than those from New Zealand. (The italics are the Committee's). Canada has the advantage of a shorter distance, but the cost in proportion to the distance is higher than it is from the Southern Dominions.

Freight Costs.

"Notwithstanding recent reductions in freights, the cost of ocean transit, especially from the far-away Dominions, remains an important factor in the cost of marketing dairy produce in the United Kingdom. The time occupied by the voyage, which varies in the case of Australia and New Zealand from six to eight weeks according to the route taken, also constitutes a special difficulty in the way of the industry. Speed at sea is however, costly and beyond a certain point every additional knot becomes very expensive, until it reaches a prohibitive point for all but a few vessels between the great and wealthy populations of

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Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Thurs., 4th Nov., at Noon
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 4th Nov., at 2 p.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Fri., 5th Nov., at 7 a.m.
Shanghai	FOOSHING	Fri., 5th Nov., at 5 p.m.
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Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Mon., 8th Nov., at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSING	Sun., 14th Nov., at 6 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Mon., 15th Nov., at 2 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	NAHSANG	Mon., 15th Nov., at 3 p.m.
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Europe and North America if ships are to be run on a commercial basis. Moreover, high speeds can only be attained by the sacrifice of cargo space to engine requirements. This whole question of balancing cost and speed at sea was carefully investigated by the Imperial Shipping Committee in regard to the Australian trade three years ago, and the conclusion reached that beyond a certain "economic" speed it would not be practicable to carry cargo except with the aid of Government subsidies. The Imperial Shipping Committee recognised that the factors determining the economic point of speed varied gradually with the advance of invention and methods, although the elements of the problem remained the same. That within the last three years there has been some change is probable, and the economic speed is a little higher than it was. But a very considerable change would be necessary to give an improvement in the marketing in the United Kingdom of dairy produce from the distant Dominions. This is not a matter on which we can claim the expert knowledge which is available in the Imperial Shipping Committee, but we think it likely that their general conclusions in regard to the subsidies which would be necessary to give high speeds at commercial rates still, in a large measure, hold. It is for the Government of the Empire to say whether subsidies on an adequate scale would be worth while.

Marine Insurance.

"We are informed that acting under the powers conferred by the Dairy Produce Control Act, the New Zealand Board has during the last two years made arrangements for marine insurance policies covering the whole of the produce shipped, which represent a saving to the producers of approximately £25,000 a year. Similar advantageous arrangements have been effected by the Australian Board."

The conditions under which produce intended for export is carried on the railways in the export countries is not without importance to shipowners, since it may exercise an influence on the keeping qualities of the articles after they are shipped. On this subject the Committee say:—

"Great improvements have been effected in recent years in the overseas parts of the Empire in the transport of dairy produce on the railways there. In Canada, for instance, all butter and most of the cheese is carried on the railways in refrigerated cars. In other Dominions, however, there is still

room for improvement. We are told, for instance, that butter is carried on some Australian railways in unrefrigerated cars. Loured vans containing half a ton of ice are normally used. The Australian Dairy Council has recommended to the Australian Government that all trucks for the carriage of dairy produce should be refrigerated. With this view we entirely agree, and we strongly recommend in the interests of the Australian dairy producers that such refrigerated vans should be provided for the carriage of the produce from the factory to the port of embarkation. It is essential, if the butter produced in the distant Dominions is to be marketed in its best condition in the United Kingdom, that it should be transported in refrigerated equipment throughout the whole journey, and thus protected from temperature variations. It is obvious that if a successful dairying industry is to be built up in Kenya Colony an adequate service of refrigerated vans on the railways, with special organisation to facilitate the transfer of the produce from the car to the ship at the port, will be essential."

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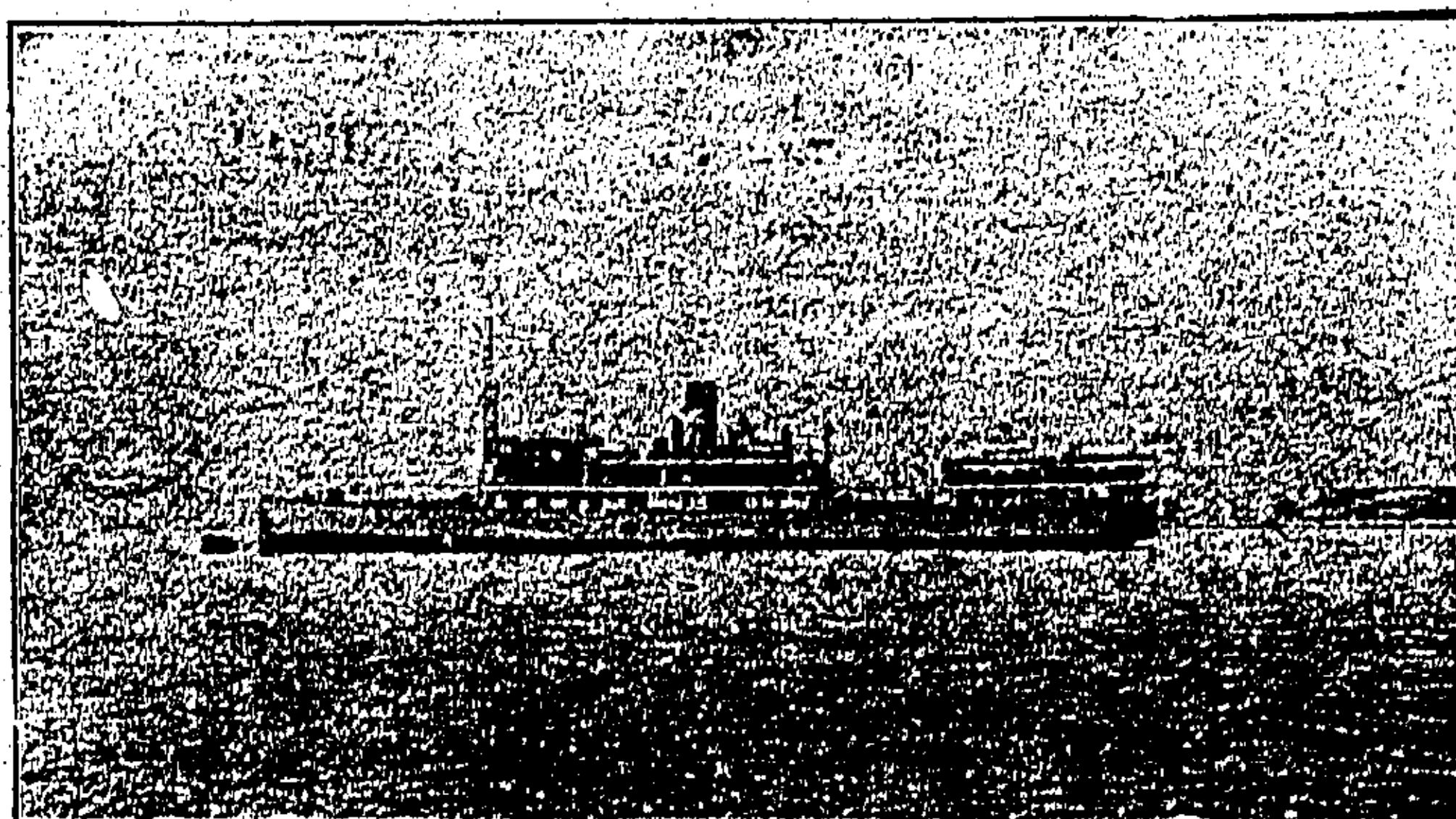
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LOCAL PRICES.

In our issue of Tuesday a cor-
respondent ventilated a grievance
worthy of comment. Following
the commendable announcement
by the Dairy Farm Company that,
notwithstanding the fall in ex-
change, their prices are not being
raised, our correspondent points
to the opposite policy already
adopted by Chinese compradores.
His statement that an increase of
15 per cent. on tinned stuffs is
being enforced can be corroborated.
Indeed, one such printed
notice issued by a comprador
extends the rise to all imported
provisions.

The case is put in a nutshell by
our correspondent and merits
consideration on the part of all
householders—Chinese, as well as
non-Chinese. Stocks are pur-
chased months ahead. A fall in
exchange cannot possibly affect
prices of imported goods unless
maintained for a period of two or
three months. Until the moment
arises for the ordering of fresh
stocks any local increase in prices
is merely a subterfuge and an
imposition. There is only one re-
medy for our correspondent's
grievance. It is an individual
one purely and simply—change
your comprador and place your
custom direct with European
stores with a reputation for fair
dealing. If any householder is
foolish enough to rely solely on
his "boy" as a go-between in re-
lation to his comprador, he is
merely asking for trouble and
inviting extortion both on the
part of the "boy" and the com-
pradore.

Complaint is made by our cor-
respondent of the spathy of the
community in general in regard to
such matters, and regret is ex-
pressed that it is not more public
spirited. He has performed a
service himself by pointing out
the profiteering that is rampant
among compradores. He has
rightly praised the Dairy Farm
for publicly intimating that their
prices will remain unaltered for
the present. And he is grateful for
a boycott of the profiteers. In

other places, they have "House-
holders' Protection Associations,"
who make it their business re-
solutely to oppose unreasonable
increases of prices in groceries
and provisions. In some places
Food Price Fixing Boards have
survived the post-war years and
their word is law. Here there is
no body to which the householders
can collectively look for redress
in cases of flagrant profiteering.
It is a matter entirely between
the householder on the one hand
and his comprador on the other.
The line of least resistance is, on
the average, to leave practically
everything to the "boy" or cook-
"boy" or cook-*boy*. One of these
latter trio secures his or her five
per cent. "cumshaw" from the
compradore and so is considerably
interested in the amount of
"master's" bill at the end of the
month. Few householders regu-
late the ordering of groceries
and fewer still scrutinise the
daily list of items in the com-
pradore's pass book. If there is
"paying through the nose" and if
there is profiteering nothing can
be gained by lamenting the apathy
of one's neighbours. Any agita-
tion for a concerted movement on
the part of the compradore-
patronising community will avail
nothing. There are fair and
square compradores as well as
compradores who will fleece and
profiteer on the slightest pretext.
The one and only remedy—if it be
found inconvenient for any rea-
son to trade direct with the re-
putable European stores—is to
take your custom elsewhere on
convincing proof of profiteering.
That—it must be repeated—is a
matter for the individual and not
for the community as a whole.

POLICE DANCE

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL AT
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The event promises to be even
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Sir,—In reading through the
times taken at yesterday's Har-
bour Race, I was surprised to note
that no time was recorded in the
case of four competitors, three of
whom were Chinese. I was pre-
sent at the finish and saw that there were time-
keepers on the Judges' launch as
well as on the top of the touch-
ing wall. If it could be seen who the competitors were,
one coming after another, there
is no earthly reason to suggest
that recording their time was an
impossibility. What a poor re-
flection on the timekeepers if one
looks up the records of the V.R.C.
to find blank spaces! This is
another instance of bad arrange-
ment, and I might say at the
same time that the arrangements
for this year's races were by no
means ideal. In your Monday's
issue, I suggested that sampans
should be provided, as a matter of
precaution, to follow those com-
petitors in the rear but nothing
was done. On all the three
days, there was to be seen a
Police launch following in the
rear but it was certainly up to
the V.R.C. to have their own
craft provided, as it materially
forms part of the major ar-
rangements. The V.R.C. cer-
tainly disregarded the time that
the races were to commence each
day, and saddest of all was that
on the second day, the lady com-
petitors reached the finishing
point in semi-darkness.
Yours, etc.,
"SWIMMER."

Hong Kong, October 29.

OPIUM SEIZURE.

ARRESTS ON A JAPANESE BOAT.

WOMAN AS CHIEF ACCUSED.

A Chinese woman together with
a man, were charged before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning with possession
of 300 taels of illicit opium. De-
fendants were arrested during a
search by revenue officers on board
the s.s. "Kaijo Maru" when the
vessel came alongside the wharf
yesterday after a voyage from
Swatow.

Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for the
defence.

A Chinese revenue officer stated
in evidence that he saw the woman
seated on deck trying to put some-
thing below packets of joss sticks
in a basket. This was found to be
opium.

It was stated that the male de-
fendant was arrested on a state-
ment that he was the woman's
brother. His Worship pointed out
that this was hardly regular.

Chief Preventive Officer S. J.
Clarke explained that yesterday
morning Revenue Officer Ward and
a party searched a house at Queen's
Road West. The male defendant
lived in that house and went on
board to meet the woman.

The case was adjourned at this
stage.

DUE TO-MORROW.

1ST OF CRUISERS ORDERED HERE.

SUBMARINES ARRIVE.

By Wednesday, the British war-
ships ordered to Hong Kong to
place themselves under the orders
of the Commander-in-chief, China
station will have arrived.

To-morrow, H.M.S. "Dartmouth"
is due to arrive here.

H.M.S. "Carysfort" is due here
on November 2 (Tuesday) and
H.M.S. "Castor" on the following
day.

It is understood that the inten-
tion with regard to H.M.S. "Yar-
mouth" was changed and that this
ship will not be coming.

This morning, H.M.S. "Titanic"
and seven submarines arrived in
harbour from the North. The
"Titanic" is flying the paying-off
pennant, in preparation for the
carrying out of reliefs brought by
the cruisers.

FALSE ALARM.

FIRE ENGINES CALLED TO CLUB.

Another false alarm led to the
appearance at the Hong Kong Club
this morning of two Fire Brigade
engines and complement.

This is the third time that the
alarm has been given at the Fire
Station operated by a glass enclosed
bell at the Club has fallen without the
bell having been touched. The
operations with telephones wiring
in the neighbourhood is attributed
to the cause of the trouble.

"AVERAGE CITIZEN."

OPINIONS OF Y.M.C.A. SPEAKERS.

TOAST NIGHT SUCCESS.

"Toast Night" at the Y.M.C.A.
last night, providing members
with the opportunity of acquiring
confidence in public speaking,
proved most successful.

It was a happy thought which
promoted the inclusion in the
toast list of that of "The Average
Citizen," providing scope for
humorous comparisons which
was taken full advantage of by
Mr. T. V. Harmon, who proposed
it and Mr. J. C. Long who second-
ed.

From the former, one gathered
the exact proportion of a Ford
car which statistics prove as fall-
ing to the lot of the "average
citizen," the exact amount of time
he spends under its chassis, the
amount of cash he comes by dis-
honestly in the course of a year,
the average period of "seclusion
from the world" which falls to
his lot in consequence and many
other enlightening facts which
were as entertaining as they were
starting to his "average citizen"
hearers.

Mr. Long was equally as mer-
ciless in his analysis of statistics
concerning citizens of the gentler
sex—his position being all the
more secure in that there were no
members of that sex to dispute
their veracity. Mr. Long's speech
was notable for effects which,
whether or not they were un-
rehearsed, proved none the less
refreshing and entertaining and
the speaker received a well
deserved ovation on resuming his
chair.

Other Speeches.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston, the
Chairman, who proposed the
health of the Colony, held the at-
tention of his hearers with an
eloquent speech in the course of
which he emphasised that the
Pacific was the centre where the
world's commercial enterprise of
the future would be focussed.
Hong Kong would have to hold its
own against greater competition
and make itself stronger still.
Hong Kong was the pivot of the
East as the jewel was the pivot of
a watch. The Colony had stood
the strain of adverse circum-
stances and was making tradi-
tions as well as following them.

The toast of the Colony was
replied to by Mr. E. R. Price who
spoke of the part that Y.M.C.A.
members could play in replacing
with a spirit of mutual helpful-
ness and goodwill, any artificial
social relationships.

Able speeches were given by
Mr. J. Petrie and Mr. J. H. Hunt
(proposer and responder to the
toast of the Y.M.C.A.); Mr. A.
McArthur and Mr. P. Sands (to
the toast of the "Folks At
Home"); Mr. E. G. Sewell (pro-
poser of the toast of "The
Visitors"); and Mr. J. Keates,
who proposed the health of the
Chairman.

This latter toast was received
with great enthusiasm and with
musical honours.

The Opening Debate.

At the conclusion, Mr. T. V.
Harmon, convener of the Liter-
ary and Debating Society, under
whose auspices the dinner was
held, announced that the subject
of the opening debate of the win-
ter season would be "Has Merrie
England disappeared?"

Mr. Harmon also referred to
the introduction of a competition
which was shortly to be inaugu-
rated for testing members' know-
ledge of characters in fiction books
of the library. Slips of paper
would be put on the breakfast
table with the name of a char-
acter whom members would have
the opportunity of placing. The
competition would comprise in all
some twenty characters.

GIRLS IN IRELAND.

Ulster girls are casting envious
eyes at their sisters in the Free
State, who have been delighted to
find that men are not so scarce,
after all.

The latest census returns reveal
that there are no surplus women
in the Free State—probably the
only country in the world where
women are in the minority—and
that there are now 41,000 more
men than women.

Girls in Dublin, however, have
a stern fight in front of them, if
they wish to secure a husband, for
there are about 10,000 surplus
women in the city. Elsewhere the
girls are in the minority, and in
the country towns they are great-
ly outnumbered.

In Ulster, there are 40,000
more women than men, but, tak-
ing Ireland as a whole, there is a
husband for all, provided the
widows will stick to their weeds.

WEEK'S ORDERS.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Volunteer orders issued to-day
include:—

Artillery Company.
City Section: Parade at Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Talkoo Section: Parade at 5 p.m.
on Friday.

All members, Musketry Part II
will be fired again at Stonecutters
on Sunday.

Engineer Company.
Signal Section: Parade at Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.
Field Sections: Parade at Wel-
lington Barracks at 5.30 p.m. on
Monday (Nov. 8).

Artillery & Engineers.
Musketry Course Part II at
Stonecutters on Sunday.
Launch will leave Murray Pier
at 9 a.m., and call at Kowloon Pier
at 9.10 a.m.

Armoured Car Company.
Parade at Headquarters on
Monday, at 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday: Parade at Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m.

Infantry Company.
On Tuesday at 5.30 p.m.:—
No. 1 Platoon: Rifle sections at
miniature range; Lewis Gun sec-
tions at Kennedy Road range.

Scottish Company.
All Platoons at Headquarters
on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken
on the strength and posted:—

Pte. C. H. Eldridge, Armoured
Car Co.; Pte. W. C. H. Deacon, No.
2 Platoon; Pte. T. Seddon, No. 2
Platoon.

Promotions.

The following promotions take
effect from Oct. 25:—

Mounted Infantry Company:
Pte. G. W. Sewell to be Corporal
(and acting Quarter-Master-Ser-
geant); Pte. W. M. Lyons to be
Corporal.

Reversions.

Lt.-Col. W. C. Clark, reverts to
the rank of Sapper at his own re-
quest; Lt.-Col. E. L. Pinget, re-
verts to the rank of Private at his
own request.

Transfers.

Spr. G. R. Maskell is transferred
from the Engineer Co. to No. 5
Platoon (Scottish Company); Spr.
W. C. Clark is transferred from the
Engineer Co. to the Armoured Car
Co.

Marksman.

The undermentioned has qualif-
ied as marksman and is entitled to
wear the badge for one year:—
J.S.M. A. C. Groves, Armoured Car
Co., 95 points.

Leave.

The following are granted leave
of absence:—

Pte. S. Kelly, from Nov. 17, to
September 16, 1927.
Spr. A. E. Coates, Engineer Co.,
to Dec. 31, 1926.

Pte. E. Law, Medical Section, to
Nov. 10, 1926.

Pte. W. J. Clerk, A.C. Co., to Dec.
24, 1926.

Pte. D. D. Urquhart, No. 2
Platoon, to Feb. 23, 1927.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to
resign:—Pte. W. L. Ramsey; Pte.
T. L. Thorn.

LONG TAXICAB RIDE.

230 FARE TO SCOTLAND AND
BACK.

Mr. Stanley Rogers, of 25, Offey
Road, Brixton, S.W., a taxicab
driver, has returned home after tak-
ing two passengers, a middle-aged
man and woman, on a 1,200-mile
journey to Scotland and back to
Liverpool.

Mr. Rogers first met his fares in
Leinster-terrace, Baywater, W.,
when he was asked to drive to Hat-
field, Hertfordshire, and back.
The man later requested Mr.
Rogers to leave him his address,
and 10 days ago Mr. Rogers re-
ceived a letter asking him to drive
the man and woman to Scotland.
He went to Leinster-terrace, picked
up his fares, and started on a
journey to Inverhish.

The first stop was Appleby, 276
miles distant. The next day they
went to Pitlochry. On the third
day they left for Inverhish. The
next morning they left Inverhish
for Strirling on the journey home-
ward.

When they reached Carlisle Mr.
Rogers was asked to go to Liverpool
and there his fares left him.

The man paid the amount re-
quested on the taxicab-meter,
slightly more than £30, and tipped
Mr. Rogers.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

DELETED with a little sweet-
water, Chamberlain's Cough and
Diarrhoea Remedy is easy to take and
almost instantly relieves colic and
other stomach pains, cramps, and
other ailments. A mother's best
friend, and a child's life-saver. For
cough, cold, croup, whooping
cough, and all other ailments of
children. Sold and recommended
everywhere.

CANTON'S PICKETS.

(Continued from page 1.)

The duty, principally, will be to ensure the collection of the special taxes and to prevent smuggling.

Monday, November 1, has been chosen as the date on which the Service will begin operations proper and it will remain to be seen whether foreign cargo will also come within the scope.

OUTPORT CONDITIONS.

It is announced that steamboats from Hong Kong to Kowloon will be carrying cargo as from next week, when the Chinese authorities at Pakkai will be ready to collect surtaxes on shipments.

On the first trip from Hong Kong, cargo was returned because landing of goods was forbidden. Strikers are not in evidence now at Pakkai.

The situation at Wuchow is also improving and the quantity of downward cargo is increasing. At Swatow agitators have also moderated considerably in their attitude towards British residents.

THE WEATHER.

The official weather forecast for Hong Kong, coast and Formosa Channel, till noon to-morrow is—east winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

At 11.15 a.m. the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased considerably at Tokyo and slightly over the Visayas. It has increased moderately at Shanghai, and slightly over S.W. Japan and the Pelew Islands.

The anticyclone over China is moving eastward.

The typhoon, now about 500 miles north of Pelew, is moving northward.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Meteorological observations at 5 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.01; temperature 71; humidity 83; wind N.N.E., force 1; weather overcast.

TIENTSIN WARNING.

The Harbour Master of Tientsin notifies mariners sailing for that port that the s.s. "Isshin Maru" has reported having sighted a derelict pontoon or capsize junk in a position from which Tsao-fu-tien Light bears N. 45 W. about 10 miles.

SINGAPORE MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The Singapore Municipal health statement for the week ending October 9, gives the total number of deaths as male 176, female 77. This represents a death rate of 32.22 per mille per annum compared with 30.82 in the preceding week and 31.67 in the corresponding week last year. The chief causes of mortality were: Beriberi 13, phthisis 26, malaria 29, pneumonia 45, convulsions 18. Among the nationalities death occurred as follows: Europeans 2, Eurasians 3, Chinese 203, Malays 24, Indians 16. Twenty persons died who had been less than three months resident in Singapore. Deducting these the death rate was 29.67 per 1,000. The infantile rate was 227.2 per mille per annum compared with 221.8 in the preceding week and with 177.4 in the corresponding week of last year.

OXFORD BAGS FOR WOMEN.

If a woman cannot wear Oxford bags on the street this autumn, writes a woman correspondent to a Home contemporary, she can gratify her imitative faculty by wearing them in her house, for some of the French "smokings" made with trousers of a bagginess no Oxford student would despise. Pyjamas also are smartly baggy, with boleros or long overblouses, tying with a wide sash at one side. But quaintest of all are the new pantalolet pyjamas with ruffles round the armholes and round the trouser leg, just where it is gathered in at the ankle.

A Reuter telegram from Sydney states that the "Makura" took 1,000,000 sovereigns on board destined for San Francisco.

Among the 24 competitors for the town criers' championship at Farnsey was Mr. James Cox, of Burnham, who is reputed to have a "seven-mile voice."

SINISTER.

BOLSHEVISTS AND CHINA.

London, October 28. A telegram to the "Times" from Constantinople states that Mr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, has spent a fortnight in Turkey, and that he has gone to Ankara to open relations with the Turkish Government.

The correspondent learns from a well-informed source that the Bolsheviks are interested in Mr. Sze's visit, which may not be unconnected with a scheme of forming a League of Oriental Nations, China, Afghanistan, Persia, Turkey, and Soviet Dominions. It declares that it is known that negotiations have recently been carried on at Moscow between Sun Pao Chi and the Turkish Ambassador to Persia. It is now believed that China and Turkey propose to open diplomatic relations, and that a Turkish mission will proceed to China.—Reuter.

COTTON MARKET.

WAITING FOR CONDITIONS TO IMPROVE.

Oklahoma City, Oct. 28. A conference attended by the Chairman of the Federal Cotton Relief Committee, approved of a plan for withholding 400,000 bales of cotton from the Oklahoma market "until conditions improve."—Reuter's American Service.

[Earlier cables relating to the same subject appear in our Commercial Section on page 2.]

CLERICAL IDEA.

TO SETTLE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES.

Washington, October 28. In the course of a manifesto setting forth the fundamental principles of national policy, the Federal "Council of the Churches" urges the Government to utilize a permanent court of international justice for every dispute capable of judicial settlement.—Reuter's American Service.

INCOME TAX.

REDUCTION PROPOSED IN HOLLAND.

The Hague, Oct. 28. The Second Chamber has passed Bills providing for 20 per cent. reduction in the Income-tax from January 1, also a reduction in the death and donation duties.—Reuter.

BACK BAY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Simla, September 28.—The Government of India Bombay Back Bay Inquiry Committee have, at the instance of the Bombay Government, telegraphed from London an interim report to ensure work on the Back Bay Reclamation scheme, unanimously recommending the reclamation of blocks one, two and eight by dredging or dry filling, which ever is economical.

The Committee note that the area of the seventh block is 654,000 square yards, and the quantity dredged and being filled with the exclusive murrum topping required is 2,050,000 cubic yards. It is for the Local Government to decide upon action in respect of this block pending the decisions of the Government on the final report.

The Committee emphasise the necessity of taking immediate steps to find new and nearer quarries of murrum, and arrange definitely for more abundant and speedier supplies at cheaper rates than at present.

The Committee's interim report thus rules out the question of the absolute abandonment of the scheme.

AID FOR LARGE FAMILIES.

The Government of New Zealand has introduced a family allowance bill, providing aid for large families with small incomes.

It is proposed to pay two shillings weekly from State funds for each child, exceeding two, under 15 years of age, where the family income from all sources is less than £4 a week. The amounts are to be payable to mothers and the money must be applied for the benefit of the children.

The Minister of Pensions states that about fifty-five thousand children will be benefited at a cost of approximately a quarter of a million pounds annually.

SMALL INCREASE.

MINERS INFLUENCED BY BAN ON MEETINGS.

London, Oct. 28. An official report states that 252,000 miners are working to-day. The smallness of the net increase is due to appreciable local decreases, which are attributed to the feeling engendered by the banning of Mr. Cook's meetings.—Reuter.

A Final Chance. London, Oct. 28. Speaking at a meeting in his constituency (Epping) Mr. Winston Churchill indicated that the Government was ready to give the miners a final chance. He said that if the miners were prepared to make a proposal touching the real problems and difficulties, the Government was bound to consider how it could help to carry it to success.

The question was not whether the owners could be got to agree, but whether the miners would make proposals and suggestions which the Government could endorse and carry forward irrespective of the opinions of the owners.

The Government, offered an Arbitration Court which could override the owners. The offer was refused, and the Government had nothing more to say.—Reuter.

PROSECUTION ERRS.

JUDGE REFUSES TO ORDER RE-TRIAL.

Singapore, October 19.—The Chief Justice (Sir William J. Wilson) gave judgment this morning in a petition heard yesterday in which the Crown asked for re-trial of a police court case in which Mrs. Georgina Howe was acquitted on a charge of recklessly driving a motor car.

The only ground for the petition, his Lordship said, was a statement by the magistrate, after he had decided the case, that he had since discovered that he had been misled by the prosecution wrongly reconstructing the case by means of a diagram in court.

It appeared that the prosecution put up to the court a map on which the position of a lamp post was wrongly marked, and the error was discovered after the case had been decided.

His Lordship said he had grave doubts whether the power to order a re-trial was intended to be exercised in cases where the prosecution, entirely through their own fault, had failed to present their case properly.

The Rule.

If he complied with the petition he would be ordering that an acquitted person should be tried a second time for the reason that the prosecution had not launched all their available armoury at the first prosecution.

The civil rule was that a re-trial could only be ordered if evidence was available which was not available at the time of the first prosecution.

The rule was presumably much stricter in criminal cases, and without such a rule there would be no finality to litigation.

His Lordship dismissed the petition.

AN OLD KOREAN CUSTOM.

Tokyo, Oct. 9.—The quaint old Korean custom of carving a design on the neck of a girl who has jilted her sweetheart was frowned upon by the Tokyo Appeal Court when it sentenced Lyu Tetsufuku to 18 months' imprisonment for murderous assault on a girl in Mok, Korea.

Lyu's defence was that he had been engaged to the girl, but that she had found a handsomer man and "given him the gate." He produced witnesses to prove that ancient Korean customs permitted him "under the circumstances," to shave off her eyebrows or to cut a slice of skin from her neck.

The Appeal Court ruled, however, that the carving custom, while undoubtedly most effective, had no standing in law and, consequently, Lyu was committed to prison.

ITALIAN MILITIA.

Rome, October 18.—General Roberto Benvenuto, military editor of "Il Mondo," a deputy of parliament, must face the disciplinary tribunal of the Italian army for "insults to the militia." Benvenuto is well known in America through his activities as a member of the general staff during the war. In a search of his home, certain documents were found which contained instructions to members of his party for opposition to the regime especially against the militia. Action calculated to make the militia unpopular is alleged.

BEST COUGH MEDICINE MADE.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretory, aids expectoration and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale everywhere.

H.K.V.D.C. CAMP.

ATTENDANCE DETAILS FOR FANLING.

POINTS TO BE NOTED.

In connection with the annual Volunteer Camp at Fanling between November 5 and December 19, the following is issued in current H.K.V.D.C. orders:—

Attendance at the Camp is a condition for efficiency in the case of the Engineer, Mounted Infantry, Armoured Car, Infantry and Scottish Companies.

It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Fridays, for Saturday to count as a full day's training, as members must arrive before 8 a.m. on that day.

Time Table for Trains:—

From Kowloon to Fanling.

Friday evenings:—4.35 p.m., 5.29 p.m., and 7.21 p.m.

From Fanling to Kowloon.

Sunday evenings:—5.51 p.m. and 6.19 p.m.

Monday mornings:—7.31 a.m. and 8.17 a.m.

Railway Warrants:—Arrangements are being made with the Railway to issue second class return tickets to Fanling for other ranks.

The Senior N.C.O.'s or men present will be responsible that the names are ticked off on the list at the booking office as the tickets are issued.

Baggage:—Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Fridays.

Rifles and bayonets are not on any account to be left in Camp during mid-week.

Biddings:—Will be drawn from the store tent by members sleeping in Camp, and returned before members leave on the Sunday evenings, or Monday mornings.

Arms:—Rifles and bayonets may be drawn from Headquarters, between the following hours:—

Mondays to Thursdays:—9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on

Fridays:—Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon only.

Dress:—Marching, order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts and sidearms, braces, haversacks, water-bottles, great coats to be carried folded on the shoulders or if preferred they may be sent out with baggage. Shorts will be worn by all Infantry and the Machine Gun Sections.

NAVAL CRICKET.

"SHIPS" BEAT THE YARD AT K.C.C.

The Royal Navy beat the Naval Yard at Cricket yesterday, on the Kowloon C.C. ground, by 97 runs. Lt. Sturges, for the winners, made 53 and took 6 wickets for 8 runs. Scores:—

Royal Navy.
Lt. Sillitoe, R.M., c. Ursell, 31
b. Ross 9
Lt. Sparks, c. Guest, b. Lyal 9
Lt. Sturges, c. Gillingham, b. Guest 53
Flight Officer Bremston, c. Guest, b. Lyal 7
Flight Officer Newall, not out 29
Extras 21

Total (for 4 wks., dec.) 150
Pay Com. Coomber, Lt.-Com. Grant, Capt. Cornish, Lt. Norris, Surg. Lt.-Com. Aubrey, Lt.-Com. Beattie did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Lyal 16 3 49 2
Brown 6 1 14 0
Ross 5 0 27 1
Ursell 3 0 7 0
Gillingham 3 0 15 0
Guest 4 4 18 1

Naval Yard.
J. C. Lyal, c. Grant, b. Beattie 0
F. H. Harper, run out 0
W. G. Guest, not out 23
S. B. Spillet, c. Sillitoe, b. Beattie 0
J. S. Gillingham, c. Norris, b. Sturges 9
Gell, b. Sturges 5
Ursell, b. Sturges 5
Ross, b. Sturges 5
McQueen, c. Beattie, b. Sturges 1
Sturges 1
Phillips, c. Beattie, b. Sturges 8
Brown, c. Sillitoe, b. Cornish 12
Extras 10
Total 58

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Beattie 5 4 2 2
Norris 6 2 16 0
Sturges 4 0 8 6
Cornish 2 3 0 15 1

The following will represent the University (at home) in a friendly match against the Royal Navy to-morrow at 2 p.m.—H. N. Barnham (Capt.), Dr. D. K. Barry, W. H. Giddins, S. Haslam, B. Lings, B. P. Ng, E. Zimmern, W. Hong Shing, B. N. Sudrajat, Tajima, and A. N. Other.

U.S. VETERANS.

MORE THAN \$3,560,000,000 GIVEN.

Philadelphia, Oct. 11.—The United States has dispensed more than \$3,560,000,000 in the care of disabled veterans of the world war. Director Frank T. Haines of the Veterans' Bureau told the American Legion convention to-day. Death and disability compensation amounted to \$922,000,000, vocational and education to \$643,000,000, term insurance disbursements to \$345,000,000, and veterans' dependants more than \$300,000,000.

Members of the American Legion and their ladies numbering many thousands captured this city to-day preparatory to the opening of the eighth annual convention of the organization. President Coolidge sent a message to the convention praising the legion's efforts to have all qualified citizens vote. The president's message says: "Shirkers in peace time are to be condemned as severely as slackers during war. We can not retain our liberties under our representative form of government if we do keep it representative."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 29—Queen's Theatre: "Partners Again."
October 29—World Theatre: "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall."
October 29—Star Theatre: "The Rat."

October 29—Police Fancy Dress Dance at Police Headquarters, 9 p.m.
October 30—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

October 30—Dinner Dance at Lane, Crawford Restaurant with Lyric Orchestra in attendance.

October 30—"Hallow'een" dinner and concert at Volunteer Headquarters, under the auspices of the Scottish Co., H.K.V.D.C., 3 p.m.
October 30—Interports Tennis Dance at C.R.C., 8.45 p.m.

November 18—Pianoforte Recital at Helena May Institute.

Sports.

October 30—Fanling Hunt Races.

Kwanti Race Course, Fanling.

October 30—Annual swimming sports of the local branch of the Boy Scouts Association at the V.R.C., 3 p.m.

October 30—Tennis Interport at C.R.C., 3.30 p.m.
October 30—Yacht Club second championship race.

October 30—Annual sport of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 3—Sixth bi-annual race for "Trevesa Trophy" from Channel Rocks, 4 p.m.
November 6—Fifth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auctions.
October 30—Miscellaneous goods will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammett Bros. at their Sales Room, 11 a.m.

November 3—Valuable household furniture will be sold by Messrs. Lammett Bros. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.
November 2—Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd. hold 5th annual meeting at 2, Lower Albert road, noon.

November 5—Meeting of creditors of the Oriental Commercial Bank Ltd., 2.30 p.m.
November 6—Third annual meeting of the H.K. Realty & Trust Co. Ltd., at Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

November 6—Fourth annual meeting of the Sandakan Light & Power Co., Ltd. at St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.

November 6—Twenty-third annual meeting of shareholders of the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Vaux Road, noon.

Miscellaneous.
November 1—Entries close for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Jasper Clarke Cup competition.

November 19—Children's afternoon at Helena May Institute.
November 5—Reception at Lee Garden (East Pt.) by Sir Shou-son and Lady Chow and the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, to receive H. E. the Governor and Lady Clement, 8.30 p.m.

November 20—Annual Fete, organized by H.E.W.G. & M.C.L. in the grounds of Government House, from 2.30 p.m.

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A postcard posted at Fillingborough Post Office, Sussex, on November 15, 1906, to Mr. J. T. Clump, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, has just reached its destination.

Four hundred boys and girls of the Foundling Hospital, Bloomsbury, W.C., entered their new home at Redhill, Surrey, where the Royal St. Anne's Schools have been adapted for the purpose.

At Leicester the L.M.S. Railway Company were awarded 4s. 6d. damages against a commercial traveller who, when seeing a newly married couple off by train, chucked on the carriage door "Just married—don't disturb us."

After being reconstructed at a cost of £980,000, during the last three years, the battle cruiser "Renown" has rejoined the Atlantic Fleet, but she will return later to Portsmouth to prepare for the voyage with the Duke and Duchess of York to New Zealand and Australia early next year.

Sydney.—Passengers by the steamer "Melusina" from New Guinea report a gold find at Wepari, in the vicinity of Edie Creek, the site of a recent gold discovery. The gold is reported to be of better quality than that at Edie, being worth £3 17s. 6d. an ounce.

A building contractor's shroff was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon with obtaining money, amounting to \$1,550, by means of a fraud. The prosecution, represented by Mr. A. E. Arculli, alleged that the defendant collected money by means of a forged check and converted it to his own use. Mr. F. H. Loseby defended, and the case was remanded.

London, October 7.—The population of England and Wales in the middle of 1925 was 38,390,000, according to a report of the Registrar-General, which shows that births during the year numbered 710,000, being the lowest rate recorded except in war-time. Deaths amounted to 472,000, the rate being slightly above the lowest record. The infantile mortality rate was 75 per 1,000, or six per 1,000 above the lowest recorded rate. The death-rate for tuberculosis was the lowest and the mortality for cancer the highest recorded.

Berlin, October 18.—The English Communist Congress passed a motion advocating the abolition of parliament.

Thursday's list of notifiable disease in the Colony included only one case of enteric fever (typhoid). The patient is a Chinese from the city district.

Two burial urns, dating from the Bronze Age, have been found in a sandpit four miles from Carlisle, while men were digging there at a depth of 500 feet.

Some valuable household furniture, a few pianos, etc., will be put up for public auction at Messrs. Lammert Bros' sales rooms, Paddell Street, at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Sunday is Halloween Eve. To-morrow, the Scottish Company of the Defence Corps will be holding a "Hallowe'en" dinner and concert at Volunteer Headquarters, beginning at 8 p.m.

Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., (general managers) announce that the 4th annual meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Co., Ltd. will be held at St. George's Building at 11.30 a.m. on Nov. 6.

A special express train leaves Kowloon at 2.07 p.m. to-morrow, arriving at Fanning at 2.34 p.m., for the stepphase meeting of the Fanning Hunt to be held at the Kwantung course. Admission to the enclosure is \$1 per head. The train (return) fares are \$1.50 first class and 90 cents second class.

The Pope recently went to the Sistine Chapel to see the effect of the new papal throne installed there in place of the old one where canopy was suspended from the ceiling by ropes, the fixing of which entailed damage to Michelangelo's frescoes. The new throne is a canopy supported from the ground. The Pope also approved the crucifix for the main altar, an ancient one of great value formerly exhibited in the Borgia apartments.

The following subscriptions have been made to the Navy League (Hong Kong) Wahhsien Fund:—
Cap. T. P. Hall \$ 25
Mr. J. Scott Harston 50
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Amounts should be sent to Mr. A. J. Bird (hon. treasurer), c/o Chartered Bank.

A plague of caterpillars, which resemble those of the moth known as the Great Prominent, is infesting some South London gardens and devouring vegetation of all kinds.

Athens, October 16.—With reference to the new Sino-Turkish treaty, political experts here declare that the Soviet Government is making efforts to create a "League of Asiatic Peoples."

Paris.—Efforts to recover from the wreck of the liner "Egypt," south of Ushant, the \$1,000,000 in gold that sank with her have been abandoned until next spring. A diver went down several times to a depth of 400ft. and made a sketch of the wreck.

Winnipeg.—Snowfalls over a foot deep in the Edmonton, Calgary, and Lethbridge districts of Alberta have delayed the harvest indefinitely in that province. Rains and cold weather are lowering the grade and quantity of wheat in Western Canada. Farmers are marketing an average of 3,500,000 bushels daily in the country elevators and the wheat coming in which was threshed before the snowfalls is of high grade.

Berlin, October 14.—Italian Premier Mussolini, in a declaration published by the Rome paper "Popolo d'Italia," says that the new continental steel-trust recently formed by the German, French, Belgian and Luxembourg industrialists is a danger for Italy. He states that the Locarno spirit was in reality nothing but the ordinary "business is business" spirit. The Duce also characterises the trust-movement as a heavy blow to the dignity of the League of Nations.

Shanghai, October 21.—The funeral of Second-Master Lullien, who was killed on board the French gunboat "Alerte," when the Southern army opened fire on her near Panpeishan, took place at Hankow last Friday. There was an impressive service in the church of the Immaculate Conception, in the French Concession, when French Consular and Naval officials as well as many of the community attended to do honour to the memory of the deceased. The interment took place at the International Cemetery. Several beautiful wreaths, one being from the Municipalite Francaise, were placed on the coffin.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

In honour of Mr. Colin Scott, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, a special dinner to be followed by a dance and other entertainment was to be given on Saturday at the Union Club, Shanghai.

The death took place at Swansea of Sir Charles Tamlin Ruthen, who was director of Housing in the Ministry of Health from 1921 until his resignation last July owing to ill-health. He was 56 years of age. Sir Charles, who was knighted in 1919, began to practise as an architect in 1896 at Swansea, where he had previously been assistant surveyor to the council.

Calcutta, September 29.—His Majesty the King-Emperor has signed a Royal Licence for the consecration of the Rev. Kenneth William Stewart Kennedy, as Bishop in Chota Nagpur. Dr. Kennedy has been working in the diocese for 34 years and speaks three languages with great fluency. His appointment has given great satisfaction in the diocese, where he and his wife are held in affectionate esteem.

H.R.H. the Duke of Orleans, who was buried at Palermo, left numerous bequests, including his natural history museum and collection to the Paris Museum, with 25,000 francs for upkeep. He left paintings to the King of Spain and others; 12,000 francs a year to Maurice Emery and 25,000 a year and his personal jewels to Mrs. Violette Jarrott, who is to deal with his family papers. The residue of the property he left to Queen Amelie of Portugal.

Constantinople, October 15.—Mr. Alfred See, Chinese Minister to the United States, arrived here to-day. He will proceed to Angora in a few days, and meeting President Kemal Pasha in conference, will start negotiations with the authorities concerned relative to the proposed conclusion of a treaty with Turkey. Coupled with the treaties shortly to be concluded with Persia and Afghanistan, this treaty will further friendly relations between China and Central Asia, and the countries of the Near East.

There will be a dinner dance in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant to-morrow evening with the Lyric Orchestra in attendance.

Reminder: Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow night. Dinner is at \$4 per head; fancy or evening dress is optional. There will be a late bus to the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 a.m.

By collecting cigarette cards and selling complete sets of them, Mr. George Giddings, of 30, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, S.E., has made £30 this year for King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, Camberwell.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding the Forces in China) and Mrs. Luard were passengers on the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada," which left Hong Kong this morning. They are going to Kobe, where General Luard will witness the Japanese Army manoeuvres.

Barcelona, newspapers state that the Prince of Wales, during his recent visit to Biarritz, spent several days at the San Sebastian summer quarters of King Alfonso. The Press states that, on leaving King Alfonso the Prince expressed a wish to pay an official visit to the Spanish Court in Madrid next winter. No definite date has been mentioned, but the mere announcement has been received with enthusiasm by Spaniards.

Shanghai, October 18.—The sudden death of Mr. E. A. Bryhn of the Engineering Department of the Whampoa Conservancy Board came as a great shock to his many friends and colleagues. He first joined that service in 1917 and after a brief absence in 1918 rejoined in special connection with the Shanghai Harbour Investigation and has for some years been in charge of the Construction Department. His designing work was of great value to the Committee of Consulting Engineers in the Shanghai Harbour in 1921 and his executive work since that time was of great importance to the conservancy operations.

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SPORTS SECTION

STEEPLECHASES.

TO-MORROW'S MEETING AT FANLING.

TIPS FOR PUNTERS.

Racegoers are looking forward to the steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt at Kwint, New Territory, to-morrow afternoon.

The express leaves Kowloon at 2.07 p.m. and will connect with the branch line. There are also other methods of conveyance and motor cars can be parked in the enclosure at \$5 each.

Admission for the public is at \$1 per head.

Refreshment can be obtained on the course, the catering being in the hands of the Hunt.

Five races will be run, the first at 3.30 p.m. and the first saddle race at 4 p.m.

On every hand one sees indication that provision has been made for a record attendance.

The course is in excellent condition. The stands are greatly improved and a view of the entire course is available from all points.

There will be a betting ring with two bookmakers, parimutuel, "double" tote and Cash Sweep.

Below are given "Patrol" selections for to-morrow:

Race I.

Mowgli.
Two Pairs.
Chessman.

Race II.

Chester Vale.
Kwong Tung.
Harford.

Race III.

Wahkuen.
The Golden Phoenix.
Reynolds.

Race IV.

Rachord.
More Better.
Gymp.

Race V.

New York.
Drake.
Black Mouse.

THE NOBLE ART.

BOXING PROGRAMME FOR NOV. 6.

The programme for the first H.K.B.A. tournament of the season on Nov. 6 has now been definitely arranged, as follows:

15-round Welterweight Championship and G. M. Young Belt: A.B. Ewin, H.M.S. "Hermes," v. S.P.O. "Jim" Cartridge, Naval Yard.

10-round Lightweight contest: Leading Seaman Baker, H.M.S. "Hermes," v. Ldg. Tel. Underwood, H.M.S. "Woolston."

6-round Middleweight contest: Stoker Thomson, H.M.S. "Ambrose," v. Stoker Morrell, H.M.S. "Hawkins."

6-round Featherweight contest: Cpl. McManus, H.M.S. "Hawkins," v. Marine Hills, H.M.S. "Hermes," v. Warder Grant, Victoria Gaol, v. A.B. Mirrell, H.M.S. "Carlisle."

6-round Welterweight contest: P.O. Meen, Submarine, v. Tel. Baker, H.M.S. "Moth."

INTERPORT CRICKET TRIAL.

For the next interport cricket trial match on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow (start at 2 p.m.) the following teams have been selected:

R. Hancock (captain), A. C. I. Bowker, Capt. C. A. Bridgland, R. C. of S. Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, R.M., Campbell, H. Owen Hughes, S. A. Ismail, J. C. Lyle, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales.

A. W. Hayward (captain), E. C. Finch, F. C. Goodwin, S. J. S. Leach, R.A., Major L. J. Lightfoot, A. H. Madar, Capt. E. W. Morris, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsay, A. A. Rumjahn.

"FRIENDLY" SOCCER.

Two friendly soccer matches were played yesterday.

At Sookumpo, the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers Regiment lost to the Chinese Athletic XI by the odd goal in three.

From a centre by Sidggs, Campbell placed the soldiers ahead but Wong Pak-ying equalised with a bang shot. After the interval Ip Kau scored the winning goal. The "laddies" missed a penalty towards the close.

At Kowloon, the Club drew with H.M.S. "Hermes" 1-1. In the unusual position of centre-forward, Wheeler found the net for the Kowloon Club and Clunie equalised just before the whistle.

Entries for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Jasper Clark Cup competition close on Monday.

SOCCER GOSSIP.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE FIXTURES.

PROSPECTS OF THE CLUB.

[By Centre-Half.]

In spite of their heavy defeat by the Surrey, and their poor play last Saturday, much interest will be centred on the Scottish Borderers in their match with the Hong Kong Football Club to-morrow. Moreover, too much significance cannot be placed on their defeat, inasmuch as the players had only arrived the previous day, and were not, owing to their long sea voyage, in good condition. On the other hand the Surrey were in tip-top form, and had put in a deal of training.

But for a little time at least, I am not expecting the Kowloons to do well. Whilst in Egypt, they won the Soccer Championship, but they cannot field the same team now. Prior to leaving Cairo, a batch of 250 men went home, and amongst these were eight of the first eleven. A couple of hundred men joined the battalion three days before it left for Hong Kong, but as yet they have only been here a week—no practice games have been played, and the fresh talent has not been judged. The three players who are still in the team are Anderson, McGilchey and Skeggs, and on Saturday, each of them played a good game. The remaining members of the team were strange to each other, and taking that important factor into consideration, the Kowloons put up a really good show. As a team they played poorly, but as individuals, it was manifest that every man was a footballer. When the Kowloons thoroughly settle down to training, and the new men are given practice games, there is no doubt but that the team will be greatly improved. Judging solely on last Saturday's game, the other Clubs feel that the Kowloons will not make a formidable opposition. "But I have no doubts."

The Hong Kong Football Club, their rivals to-morrow, have not done too well as yet. They were lucky in defeating the "Tamar" last Saturday. However, they should defeat the Kowloons. The game will be played on the Club ground.

R. A. Losses.

Kowloon had a nasty set-back last week, and thoroughly disappointed their supporters, in that they could only draw with the Police. I had gathered that drastic changes were to be made in the forward line which had failed to impress. Little or nothing has been done, the only change in the line being on the left wing.

However, Kowloon will not have a formidable opposition in the Royal Artillery to-morrow, as the Gunners have lost some of their best players. Sneath, Purford and Reed, and one other, I believe, left Hong Kong on Wednesday. There is no gainsaying that these players were of the best in the eleven, and I cannot but think that the Gunners will miss their services. I am, however, informed that they still have as good a custodian as Sneath. That is good. Kowloon, however, should have no difficulty in securing both points to-morrow. The game is to be played at Kowloon.

The "Tamar" XI is good, both in the defence and in the forward line. But it is obvious, that they cannot get goals. That is the outstanding weakness of the "Tamar" team. The remedy lies in the forwards themselves. They must individualise less.

South China v. Police.

South China play the Police, and the latter should win. On the form against Kowloon, the Police team is greatly improved. Harle is being given a trial as left back. He played well last season. Byron and Jessop have been put on the left wing. Byron has played this season as left back, whilst Jessop has proved his worth in the half-back line, and should fit in well as inside left to Simpson.

South China has not yet won a single game, and from what I can see, they are unlikely to win any. The team, except for some two players, is feeble.

In the second division the K.O.S.B. Reserves will be out for the first time, and meet South China. Nothing is as yet known of the calibre of the soldiers' reserves, but in South China, they have one of the weakest teams to meet.

St. Joseph's College should defeat the Royal Artillery Reserves. The Gunners have quite a good team, but I believe that they will find the College men too fast for them.

The match between the H.K.F.C. Reserves and Kowloon has been postponed. The Reserves Reserves are up against Chinese Athletic "A". A draw is likely, but if there is a win, the Chinese should get it. The University should with ease account for Chinese Athletic "B". Gutierrez, the opportunist will be in his element.

The Junior Section.

In the "B" section of Division II, Chinese "B" should defeat the Bank Portuguese. St. Joseph's Reserves ought to overcome the Chinese Boy Scouts. South China will go down to Chinese Athletic "A", and the Newham Club should defeat Kowloon "B".

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

First Division.

Kick-off 4.30 p.m.

South China v. Police.—Sookumpo. H.K.F.C. v. K.O.S.B.—Club. Kowloon v. Royal Artillery.—Kowloon.

"Tamar" v. Recreation.—King's Park. Div. II Sec. "A".

Kick-off 3 p.m.

K.O.S.B. v. South China. St. Joseph's v. Royal Artillery. Recreation v. Chinese Ath. "A". University v. Chinese Ath. "B".

Div. II Sec. "B". Chinese Ath. "B" v. Bank Portuguese.

St. Joseph's v. Roy Scouts. South China v. Chinese Ath. "A". Moslem Club v. Kowloon.

The Teams.

The various teams will be represented as under:

Hong Kong F.C. 1st XI (to be chosen from): Linaker, Alexander, Hamsom, Rodger, Wallington, Phillips, Gerrard, Valentine, McBride, Taylor, Watson, Stewart, Howard.

Police: Clark, Wynne, Harle, Britain, Hudson, Orem, Cornwall, Noonan, Byron, Jessop, Simpson. Kowloon: Durand, Wheeler, Cavellie, McKelvie, Sims, Hayes, Pile, Spary, Brodie, Coates or Adams, Mason.

University: H. Braga; G. S. Scully, E. L. Harrison; K. T. Loke, S. P. Loh, Y. K. Ng, J. W. Barnes, T. Q. Tan, B. K. Jap, A. P. Gutierrez, P. C. Lim.

FANLING GOLF.

RAILWAY CUP, LADIES' SECTION.

The draw for the Railway Cup competition, which is to be completed for by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling, is as follows:

Byes: Mrs. Piercy and Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. Alan Cameron.

Mrs. Boylan-Smith and Mrs. Cassidy.

First round: Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Hornell.

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Fitzroy-Williams and Mrs. Drevard.

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Dodwell. Byes: Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Harrison.

Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Grimble. Mrs. Hegarty and Mrs. Murdoch.

Dates of Play.

1st round is to be played on or before Nov. 23.

2nd round by Dec. 7.

3rd round by Dec. 21.

4th round by Jan. 11.

Final by Jan. 25.

HOME SOCCER.

SOUTHERN SECTION OF DIV. III.

London, Oct. 28.

In division III of the English Football League, Southern Section, Norwich City lost to Brighton & Hove Albion to-day by 0 goal to 2.

Reuter.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at cricket against Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday. (Bus leaves H.K.C.C. pavilion at 11 a.m. sharp): E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), A. W. Ramsay, E. C. Finch, S. J. S. Leach, J. C. Lyle, Capt. N. C. D. Brown, John, C. D. Wales, J. A. Summers, J. H. M. Andrews, F. G. L. Wheeler, E. G. Renton.

HARBOUR SWIM.

FORM OF LAST YEAR REVERSED.

COOKE'S 3RD WIN.

Winning the annual open harbour swimming race (promoted by the V.R.C.) in 1909 and 1924, and finishing third to A. F. May and E. A. Brodie last year, the veteran C. J. Cooke won again yesterday at the age of 50 and did so with comparative ease.

May was third and Brodie twelfth. Lance-Bombardier Norris, R.A., who was second in the Garrison harbour race last week, took second place.

Cooke's time was 26 minutes, 10.1/5 seconds; and Norris was 2 mins. 3.4/5 secs. behind. Last year Cooke did 28.58.

May's time last year was 28.14.3/5. Yesterday he did 28.52.3/5.

From an "early" stage, the veteran was in the van and he held a telling advantage at the half-way stage. At the finish he put on a spurt although he had the race well in hand.

About the Race.

Of the 23 competitors, only one (E. Zimmerman) failed to complete the course.

Cooke's first victory does not count towards the McKinnon Challenge Cup (to be won three times) as he had not been presented for competition then.

There was a flood tide yesterday afternoon and the water was apt to be choppy.

With his superior experience of conditions, Cooke kept a very straight course. On the other extreme, a batch of swimmers went westwards with the tide and lost much "ground."

The 8th, 8th, 10th and 11th to finish were so close together that their times could not be accurately taken in the closing darkness. The order of finishing was:

1. C. J. Cooke, 26 mins. 10.1/5 secs.

2. Lee/Bdr. Norris, R.A., 28 mins. 14 secs.

3. A. May (winner in 1925), 28 mins. 52.3/5.

4. D. Ford, 29 mins. 3.3/5 secs.

5. J. Lyon, 29 mins. 58 secs.

6. R. G. Evans, 30 mins. 9 secs.

7. S. V. Gittins, 30 mins. 13 secs.

8. Leung Shui-man (winner, Chinese race 1923).

9. L. Lonsdale.

10. Wong Boon-him (winner, Chinese race, 1926).

11. Tan Chin-him.

12. E. A. Brodie (2nd in 1925), 31 mins. 35.3/5 secs.

13. B. Assumpcao, 31 mins. 47.4/5 secs.

14. W. Hindley, 34 mins. 21 secs.

15. E. Roza, 34 mins. 26.2/5 secs.

16. W. F. Kerr, 34 mins. 34.2/5 secs.

17. Wong Ping-fan, 34 mins. 58.2/5 secs.

18. B. R. Kelly, 35 mins. 56.4/5 secs.

19. G. Lim, 36 mins. 42.4/5 secs.

20. W. Tillery, 37 mins. 55.4/5 secs.

21. A. D. Spoor, 40 mins. 11.3/5 secs.

22. F. S. McLay, 48 mins. 26.2/5 secs.

V.R.C. NIGHT FETE.

Successful Swimming Season Wound-up.

A Night Fete was held at the V.R.C. last evening.

The various events resulted: 100 yards members' aggregate: 1. J. Victor; 2. J. M. Alaraka.

Team Race: "A" team beat "B" team.

Pillow Fight: 1. A. May; 2. I. Carvalho.

There was also an interesting exhibition of diving by some of the members.

Presentation of Prizes.

Prizes were presented to the winners of the Harbour Races, the distribution being performed by Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Stirling and Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B. (Chairman of the V.R.C.).

Col. Robertson warmly congratulated the recipients. He referred to the keenness shown by competitors in all the aquatic events carried out under the auspices of the V.R.C. during the present season, and expressed his pleasure at the success with which the various events had met.

Prize List.

The prizes won in the Harbour Race were as under:

Race confined to Chinese for the "Mok" Challenge Cup. (Presented by Mr. Mok, Kon-sang): Wong Boon-him; 2nd, Wong Ping-fan; 3rd, Leung Shui-man. (The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were given by members of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce).

LOCAL BOXING.

ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

PROMISING PROSPECTS.

The departure of the 1st. Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, was referred to with regret at the annual general meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong Boxing Association over which Mr. R. M. Dyer presided, supported by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. A. Murdoch, Mr. J. Brook and Mr. M. M. Watson (hon. secretary).

Mr. Dyer said that the Regiment had given the Association its cordial support and had provided many of the contests which had taken place under its auspices, contests which had fully maintained the sporting reputation of the Battalion. The Association wished the "Surreys" every success in their new station.

It was with pleasure that he referred to the arrival of the 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B., said Mr. Dyer. The new Regiment had already demonstrated their interest in boxing and sport generally, and he could assure them of any support that the Association might be able to afford them in their boxing activities.

In proposing the adoption of the report, and accounts, Mr. Dyer referred to a greater balance (\$1,750.80 as compared with \$579.08 last year) chiefly due to the amount of the prizes being smaller. He also referred to the next Tournament arranged for Saturday week at the City Hall and to the return to the Colony of the winner outright of the welterweight belt (A. B. Ewin) who would meet C.P.O. Carbridge at this tournament.

With the prospect of a return to more normal conditions in the Colony there was every reason to believe that the Association was about to enter into a successful season—the eighth of its career.

In conclusion, Mr. Dyer mentioned with appreciation the good work done for the Association by Mr. J. Brook.

Mr. A. Murdoch seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were unanimously approved.

New Officers.

New officers were then elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. M. Dyer. Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Scott Harston.

Referee, Mr. A. Murdoch. Manager, Mr. J. Brook. Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. M. Watson.

Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. Fleming. Committee: Messrs. S. J. Clarke, W. Logan, C. Bond, H. C. Sheldon, A. Ward, P. Marks and Lt. Cdr. R. A. Youngs, R.N., Commander F. Ratsey, R.N. Lt. Cdr. Chappell, R.N., and Major Roberts, V.C., D.S.O.

Alteration of Rules.

An extraordinary general meeting followed at which a resolution altering the articles of association making the Boxing Committee members ex-officio members of the General Committee was passed.

A further extraordinary meeting will be held on November 16 to confirm the resolution.

The following will represent Civil Service 1st XI (home match) at 2 p.m. on Saturday against Royal Artillery:—B. D. Evans (capt.), F. J. de Rome, F. E. Lawrence, H. E. Strange, R. G. Robertson, F. Baker, G. R. Forster, A. E. Wood, T. D. M. Pendered, C. R. Spittey, R. C. Wittell.

Ho Kit-chi. (The first prize to accompany the cup, was given by Mr. J. M. Ramsay; 2nd prize by the V.R.C., and 3rd prize by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd.)

Open Championship Race for the "McKinnon" Cup:—C. J. Cooke; 2nd Lee/Bdr. Norris; 3rd, A. May. (The silver cup to go with the first prize was given by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, while the 2nd and 3rd prizes were given by the V.R.C.).

Water Police Thanked.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution, Mr. D. Lyon (hon. secretary) returned thanks to Lt.-Col. Robertson for presenting the prizes and called for cheers for the winners and competitors in the harbour races. He also thanked the donors of prizes.

Thanks were also returned to the Water Police for the assistance they had rendered in connection with regulating the harbour races, and to Mr. R. M. Dyer for lending a lamp for the use of the officials and competitors.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution, dancing took place, with music provided by the Lyric Orchestra.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 29, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Exchange Brokers' Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	110 ¹ / ₂	110 ¹ / ₂	110 ¹ / ₂
T.T. on Shanghai	79 ¹ / ₂	79 ¹ / ₂	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1180 1170 ¹ / ₂	1170 sa	1180 s
do. London.	1117 n [sa	—	1118 ¹ / ₂ n
Chartered Bank	121 b	121 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & E.	129 ¹ / ₂ n.	130 ¹ / ₂ n.	—
do. C.	121 ¹ / ₂ b.	113 ¹ / ₂ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	129 ¹ / ₂ b.	110 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n.	10 s	77 b
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	630 b	625 b	1625 n
China Underwriters	145 b	142 b	145 b
North China Insurance	1745 n.	1740 n.	—
Union Insurance	206 ¹ / ₂ b.	207 b	206 b
Yangtze Insurance	366 Mex	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	610 b.	610 b	610 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	29 ¹ / ₂ s	30 n.	30 s
Hongkong Steamboats	29 b	29 b	29 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2 b	2 ¹ / ₂ n.	2 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30 b	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s.
Shell Transports	90 ¹ / ₂ n.	90 ¹ / ₂ b.	90 ¹ / ₂ n.
Star Ferries	67 s	67 s	66 ¹ / ₂ n.
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	15 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25 b 24 ³ / ₄ sa	24 b & 1a	25 b
Malabon Sugars	36 n	35 n	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1 ¹ / ₂ n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 ¹ / ₂ s	42 ¹ / ₂ n	47 ¹ / ₂ n
Langkats (Combined)	328 ¹ / ₂ b.	328 b.	28 b.
do. (Single)	144 b.	142 b	—
Shanghai Exploration	14.80 b.	14 ¹ / ₂ b.	—
Shanghai Loan	10 b	8 ¹ / ₂ b.	—
Raube	4 ¹ / ₂ n.	4 ¹ / ₂ s.	5 n.
Tromoh Mines	80 ¹ / ₂ b	80 ¹ / ₂ b.	—
Ural Caspians	81 ¹ / ₂ n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	125 ¹ / ₂ n	123 ¹ / ₂ n	125 s
H.K. & W. Docks	59 n	58 b.	60 n
Hongkewas	177 ¹ / ₂ n.	—	177 b.
New Engineerings	165 b	6 ¹ / ₂ b.	6 ¹ / ₂ h.
Shanghai Docks	123 ¹ / ₂ b	123 b	123 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	10b10 ¹ / ₂ s 10-	10 ¹ / ₂ s	10 ¹ / ₂ b
Hongkong Lands	65 n 15 sa	6 ¹ / ₂ n	64 s
Hongkong Realty	5.80 b 6 sa	6 ¹ / ₂ s.	5 b.
H.K. Territorial	4 s.	4 s.	4 s.
Humphreys Estates	16 s	16 s	16 s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 ¹ / ₂ n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T9.90b 10 s	T9 00 ¹ / ₂ b	10 b.
Oriental	3 ¹ / ₂ s.	3 ¹ / ₂ n	3.20 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54 b.	5 ¹ / ₂ b.	54 b.
do. (new)	T28 b.	28 n	28 b.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 s	5 s.	5 b
Cements (comb.)	13 ¹ / ₂ s.	14 n	12 s
do. (old)	12 n.	11 n	10 s
do. (new)	2 b.	2 b	2 ¹ / ₂ b
China Buses	10 ¹ / ₂ s	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21 ¹ / ₂ n	27 s	19 ¹ / ₂ s
do. (old)	14 ¹ / ₂ b	14 n	14 ¹ / ₂ s
do. (new)	11 ¹ / ₂ b	11 n	11 s
China's Prov.	5.40 b	5.47 sa	5 ¹ / ₂ b
Dairy Farms	19 n	19 ¹ / ₂ n	19 s
Der A. Wing	6 s	6 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	13.60 b	13 b	13 b
H.K. Constructions	1 ¹ / ₂ n	1 n	—
Hongkong Electrics	64 b 64 10 sa	64 b	64 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s	—	30 n
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s.	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	24 ³ / ₄ b	21 s	25 sa
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 n	7 ¹ / ₂ n
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19 ¹ / ₂ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 n	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 ¹ / ₂ n.	16 s	17 n
do. (new)	7.60 n	8 s	7 ¹ / ₂ n
Singapore	10 n	9 b	9 s
Singapore Trams	15/0 n	15/-	15/-
Taxis	2 s	1 ¹ / ₂ s	1 ¹ / ₂ n
United Asbestos (Founders) (Ordinary)	20 n	600 n	—
Watsons	14 ¹ / ₂ n	14 ¹ / ₂ s	14 s
Wm. Poyells	6 ¹ / ₂ n	5 ¹ / ₂ b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	4.35 s	4 ¹ / ₂ n	4.30 s



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"Uncle Joe" Cannon, for years Speaker of the House of Representatives, denied that he was seriously ill. "I'm just tired," he said.



Here is a picture of Jack Dempsey taken on the eve of his great fight with Gene Tunney.



Little Marilyn Ives Coolidge, daughter of William F. Coolidge, a farmer of Bloomington, and a cousin of President Coolidge, who won the first prize as the best baby in the Illinois State fair at Springfield.



Philander C. Knox, clubman and son of the late Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, was treated in a Washington hospital for glass cuts. The Police believe that his wife threw a glass at him.

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[By A Surgeon.]

An increasing number of deaths under anaesthetics is revealed by the last Registrar-General's report. Though this may at first sight appear alarming, one should beware of jumping to the conclusion that anaesthetists are becoming careless or less skilful.

There are no figures to show the number of operations each year. It is certain, however, that they have largely increased of late. Fresh discoveries in surgery are continually making possible new operative methods. Though the actual increase in deaths is an undoubted fact, it is probable that the increase in deaths is not proportionately greater than the increase in operations.

The second factor is the improvement in transport facilities which makes possible the rapid removal to hospital of desperate and urgent cases which, if left at home, would certainly prove fatal within an hour or so. Patients probably arrive in the operating theatre in a collapsed and almost dying condition. Everybody knows that it is quite possible that they will never leave it alive, yet against that possibility must be set the certainty that if nothing is done they will die.

The surgeon and anaesthetist are bound to take the risk to give the patient his one desperate chance of survival. Should he die on the table, he is officially "died under anaesthetic" (though the real cause was the shock and exhaustion of his illness) and the unfortunate anaesthetist may have to bear the undesired stigma of carelessness.

There are other causes, of course, for anaesthetic deaths. Failure of heart or respiration are common ones. Although these occur frequently, it is very rarely indeed that prompt restorative methods do not save life, but it must always be remembered that there is a class of case similar to those mentioned above, in which the necessity of operation must override the dangers of a diseased heart.

Lastly, there is an obscure disease known as Status Lymphaticus, presenting very often no symptoms or outward signs, in which sudden collapse follows anaesthesia.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR OCTOBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East or Greenwich)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
October 29	6.25	6.43
30	6.26	6.48
31	6.27	6.47

INDIAN DACOITS.

FAIL TO FORCE CASH BOX AND ESCAPE.

Lahore, September 25.—While memories of the train dacoity case that occurred at Kakori, near Lucknow, in September last year, are still fresh, a similar attempt at dacoity has taken place on the North Western Railway, near Taxila, this evening, when four raiders jumped into the brake-van of a moving train, threatened the guard with a revolver, secured the keys of the cash safe and attempted to open the safe, but gave up the attempt as hopeless as the safe was well rivetted.

A railway Police Constable, noticing no light in the brake-van, stopped the train and rescued the guard, who was found securely bound by the dacoits.

Meanwhile the raiders escaped. None has been arrested, but the Police are making enquiries.

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Rare, priceless treasures of beaten gold, jade and porcelain, which once adorned the Imperial Palace of China, have been bartered to a Japanese concern for the sum of \$1,400,000 in order to provide funds for the former Boy Emperor, Mr. Henry Pu Yi, who has not received his allowance from the Peking Government for some time, according to reports from Peking.

The deal was directed by the former Boy Emperor on the advice of his courtiers, a Peking newspaper reports. Oppressed by debts, worried by a \$900,000 note held by the Salt Bank, the youth was literally compelled to sell the ornaments.

Sixteen solid gold bells, weighing 13,500 ounces are included in the treasures.

Mr. Pu Yi, plans, it is said, to leave Tientsin, where he now lives, for Dairen in the near future, to make his home there.

Courtiers were sent to Peking to arrange with the bank for the sale, as the ornaments are now held by the institution as security for the loan. Japanese representatives of the commercial concern met with the representatives of the Boy Emperor, and at that time displayed the treasures, it is revealed.

The bells, it is surmised, if melted into gold lumps, would be worth \$605,000. In addition to these, there are 100 pieces of jade, porcelain, and treasures that could not be found outside of the Imperial Palace.

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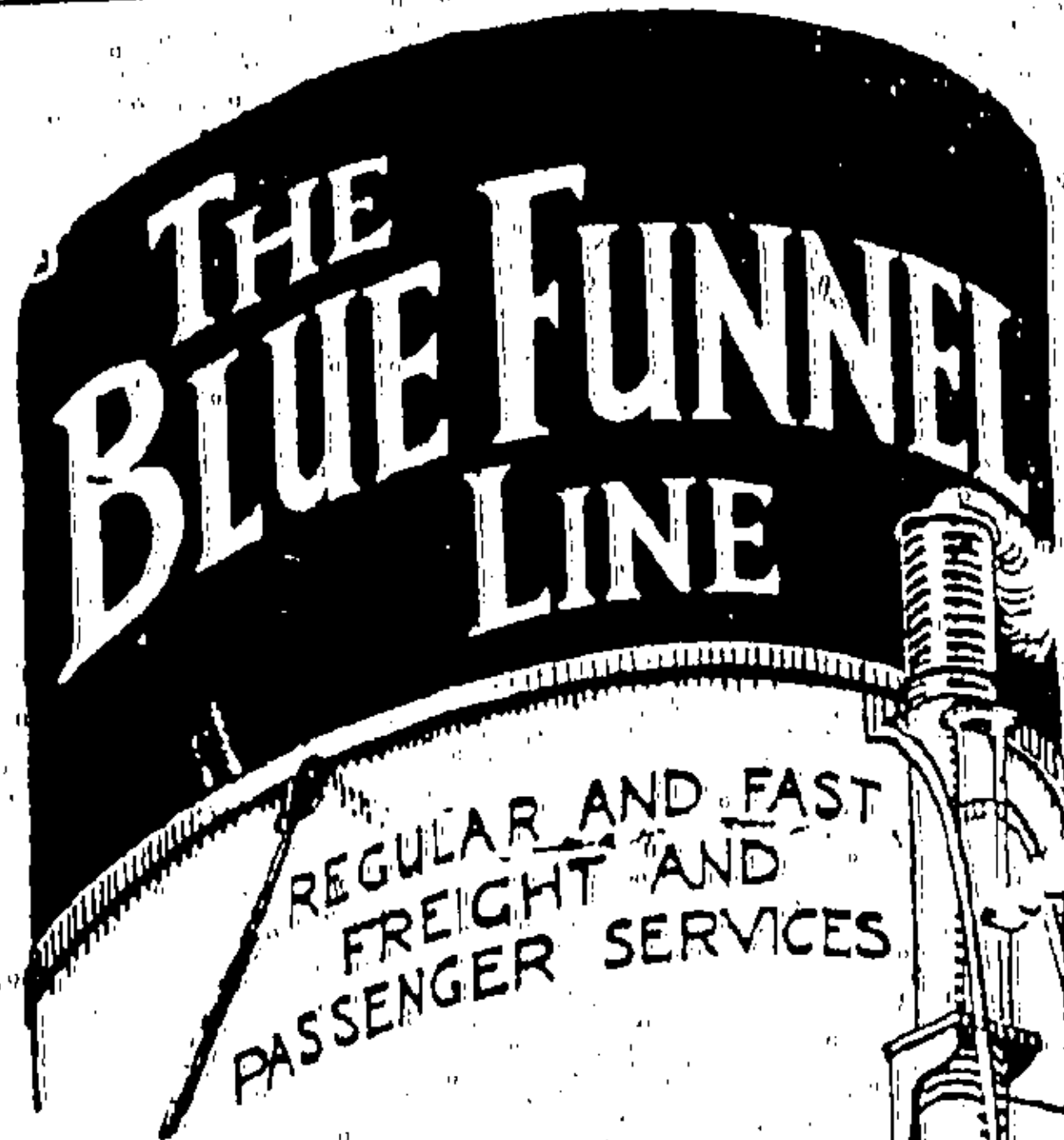


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FROM	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.	TO
Shanghai	Yingchow Straits	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.
Shanghai	Taming	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.
Manila	Pros. Jefferson	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.
Shanghai	Szechuen	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.
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Australia and Manila	Tanda	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
Straits	Mirzapore	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
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Australia and Manila	Taping	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.	TIME
Swatow and Amoy	Kwaiyang	3.30 p.m.
Manila	West Niger	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Washing	5 p.m.
Hai Phong	New Matilda	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Suez	Parola	5 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.
EUROPE via Suez (Letters 4.15 p.m. Registration 3.30 p.m.)	Khyber	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.
Bangkok	Kiangsu	9.30 a.m.
Manila	Coderkerk	11.30 a.m.
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U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Pros. Harrison	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
Australia and Manila	Taping	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Shinyo Maru	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Pros. Pierce	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Shinyo Maru	1 p.m.
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*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

EMPIRE AVIATION.

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Here, again, a small beginning was being made. During the past few months an enterprising pioneer, with the help of the Government of Kenya, Uganda, and Sudan, had organised an experimental service covering 1,400 miles between Khartoum and Kisumu. As the route followed the course of the White Nile, the machines would be hydroplanes. If the service was successful, from ten days to a fortnight would be saved in the journey between Khartoum and Uganda and eight days between Khartoum and East Africa.

Northern and Southern Links.

Why should not northern and southern links be forged in this African chain and a through aeroplane service run, at least experimentally, between Egypt and Cape Town? In the course of the training programme of the Royal Air Force the Air Ministry would try to arrange for a certain number of flights, carrying mails and official passengers, to link up with the civil machines at Khartoum. Would it be possible for the South African Government to consider whether the South African Air Force could not make a certain number of flights linking up with the route to Uganda? These proposals involved no subsidy—nothing more than co-operation between one Government and another and between military and civil flying.

Landing Grounds Essential.

Sir S. Hoare emphasised that of these routes were to be created and safely maintained it was essential that landing grounds should be formed at proper intervals and kept in good order. Sir Alan Cobham had declared after each of his great flights that this was the first condition of success. He (Sir S. Hoare) proposed to provide the members of the Sub-Committee with a list of the principal grounds required with a view to seeing whether each Government could not undertake the responsibility for itself within its territory.

Airship Possibilities.

Passing to airships Sir S. Hoare said that they would carry out the long distance non-stop air journeys of the future. The airships now being built should, with normal freight and 100 passengers, be able to fly without refuelling in good weather a distance of 4,000 miles. Airships, being large and practically silent, would be much more comfortable than aeroplanes for long journeys. They would have promenade decks, outside cabins, and ample smoking and dining rooms. Airships and aeroplanes were really complementary to each other.

Objections were raised to the airship on the ground of the danger of storms to so large and fragile a structure and the danger of fire to a ship composed of highly inflammable material. Great progress, however, had been made during the last two years toward overcoming these difficulties. The structure of both the airships now being built would be incomparably stronger in the matter of material than the structure of any airship built in the past.

The Meteorological Department had made an intensive study of air conditions over those shores and on the route to India. Accurate climate and weather reports were essential to the development of airship routes, not only so that the airship might be able to avoid storms, but also so that, in the interests of speed and economy, the airship might make the fullest possible use of the prevailing winds upon the various routes. To meet the danger of conflagration the airship being built at Cardington would be equipped not with petrol but with heavy oil engines.

Airship to the Dominions.

Slowly but surely our programmes had been developing. In a year's time two great airships should be completed. It was then proposed to carry out adequate home trials and subsequently to fly at least one of the airships regularly to and from India for a full period of trial in tropical conditions. When those trials were completed it was hoped, if the Dominion

SOLID AS ROCK.

MUSSOLINI GLORIFIES THE FASCISMO.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

Rome, Oct. 28.

The fourth anniversary of the Fascist revolution was celebrated all over Italy with ceremonies at which a speech by Signor Mussolini was read glorifying the Fascismo and declaring that the Fascist regime was as solid as a granite rock.

Reviewing the work of the year the speech dwells on legal and constitutional reforms; declares that the armed forces of Italy are ready for any eventualities; public works have been developed on the largest scale; the Italian merchant marine is now the second largest in Europe and the fourth largest in the world; and 60,000 quintals of grain were garnered.

It claims that Fascism is a vast revolution destined to influence the course of civilisation.—*Reuter.*

ions desired, to make demonstration flights to the capitals of the Empire.

Sir S. Hoare emphasised that for this purpose two conditions must be satisfied. There must be mooring masts at the end of the journey and adequate meteorological data. He hoped that the Dominions concerned would put those in hand without delay. There was the further question of developing commercial airship-lines between Great Britain and the Dominions. He hoped to see those started at the earliest possible moment.

CO-OPERATION ASSURED.

Dominion Premiers Greatly Interested.

The discussion that followed Sir S. Hoare's speech indicated a genuine desire on the part of all the Dominions to co-operate in improving Empire air communications, and the Sub-Committee at once set to work to consider details of how this could best be achieved.

Some interesting facts as to the development of air travel in various Dominions were disclosed in the speeches of delegates.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, gave statistics showing how widely aeroplanes were used for communicating with remote centres of population and for mapping and surveying photographically vast areas of uninhabited parts of Canada. Valuable work in detecting and checking forest fires was also done by a permanent forest guard of aeroplanes, whose activities had resulted in a considerable saving of life and property.

No Novelty in Australia.

The Australian Premier, Mr. S. M. Bruce, said that the novelty had worn off flying in his country; and to travel by aeroplane, as he did, on the journey to London over several hundreds of miles of territory, thereby effecting a big saving in time, was no uncommon thing. In remote districts the aeroplanes was proving a great boon, increasing as it did the sense of security by bringing distant centres of population within reach of doctors and hospitals in case of sickness or accident. Most of the machines so used were equipped with stretchers.—*British Wireless Service.*

SUSTAINED EFFORT.

To Counter Weakening of Vitality.

London, Oct. 28. Imperial air communications from the civil viewpoint was the subject of an important speech by Sir Samuel Hoare at the Imperial Conference. He urged that a sustained and united effort was necessary to meet the Empire's urgent need of better communications and prevent the waste of time that was now weakening the vitality and retarding the development of Empire intercourse.

Delegates from the Empire promised the co-operation of their respective countries in the development of Empire air communications.

The meeting created a general impression that, flying had progressed tremendously throughout the Empire since the last Imperial Conference.—*Reuter.*

LOCARNO PACT.

NOTABLE IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICS.

DOMINIONS IMPRESSED.

London, Oct. 28.

Reuter learns as the result of enquiries in well-informed British quarters that the notable improvement in the general European political situation, as explained in the full and frank declarations made to the Dominions Premiers, deeply impressed the hearers of those speeches. The improvement in European international relations compared with the conditions explained by Lord Curzon three years ago brought home to all an entirely new political atmosphere, resulting in the Locarno arrangements.

In these circumstances, it is declared, it is not surprising that the Dominions approve of the Locarno policy. It is realised that this is due to the gradual substitution of a friendly and peaceful European atmosphere for an atmosphere of distrust and aloofness.

In this connection it may be said that whatever decision is eventually taken as regards the formal adhesion of the Dominions to the Pact (a matter which has not yet been discussed and must eventually be settled by the Parliaments concerned) it is an established fact that the policy of Locarno, of which the Overseas Governments were telegraphically informed at every stage of the negotiations, has the wholehearted support of the Dominion Premiers generally.

Premature Reports.

Reuter learns from an unimpeachable source that the stories of decisions reached by the Committee of Premiers on Imperial relations or that the Premiers have signified their approval of Locarno, are entirely premature and have no foundation in fact. General Hertzog, interviewed by Reuter, confirmed the foregoing. He declared that the discussions of the Committee continue. Nothing has yet been decided. He added that there was no difference of opinion in the Committee regarding the position of Empire relations, but the question was that of the necessary communication of those relations to the outside world.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE BISHOPS.

PAPAL CONSECRATION AT ST. PETERS.

Rome, October 28.

St. Peter's was crowded with people of all nationalities to witness the Papal consecration of six Chinese Bishops, Philip Chao, Louis Chen, Simon Hou, John Louis Chen, Simon Hou, John Teou, Melchior Souen, and Odorico Souen who respectively are vicars of Suanghai, Fenyang, Taichow, Hainan and Prefects of Lihien and Puchi.

The ceremony was a most gorgeous affair. Chinese students from the College of Propaganda acted as acolytes.—*Reuter.*

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